

# REPORTS

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE

FOR THE

Financial Year ending December 31, 1883.

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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1883—84.

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## Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.                      JOSEPH F. BOYD.\*                      HENRY G. FIELDS.

### Town Clerk.

JOHN LARRABEE.

### Treasurer.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

### Collector.

JONATHAN C. HOWES.

### Assessors.

GEORGE C. STANTIAL.                      HENRY A. LEONARD.  
DEXTER PRATT.

### Water Commissioners.

JOSEPH D. WILDE, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	.	Term expires 1884.
W. IRVING ELLIS	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1885.
WILBUR D. FISKE	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1886.

### Commissioners of Water Loan Sinking Fund.

DANIEL RUSSELL, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	.	Term expires 1884.
ROYAL P. BARRY	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1885.
JOHN W. FARWELL	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1886.

### School Committee.

CLIFTON FLETCHER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	.	Term expires 1886.
LEVI W. GILMAN (resigned)	.	.	.	.	
JULIUS S. CLARK, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1885.
MRS. MARTHA A. ADAMS	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1886.
MRS. SARAH W. BRADBURY	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1884.
MRS. A. K. MILLER	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1885.
THOMAS W. RIPLEY	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1884.

### Trustees of the Public Library.

FREDERICK KIDDER.	ELBRIDGE H. GOSS.
CHARLES C. BARRY.	HANNAH LYNDE.

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\* Deceased.

**Auditors.**

JOHN R. NORTON.

GILBERT N. HARRIS.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

**Constables.**

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

**Representative in the General Court.**

WINGATE P. SARGENT.

**Engineers of the Fire Department.**F. EDWARD HOWE, *Chief*.L. FRANK HINCKLEY, *Clerk*.

DEXTER PRATT.

**Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal.**

SETH E. BENSON.

JAMES D. LITTLEFIELD.\*

**Surveyor of Lumber.**

HENRY A. LEONARD.

**Committee on Cemeteries.**

GEORGE NEWHALL.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

JOHN LARRABEE.

**Fence Viewers.**

DEXTER PRATT.

GEORGE P. FULLER.

**Field Drivers.**

OTIS HOWARD.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

**Pound Keeper.**

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

**Police Officers.**

A. B. PIERCE.

CHARLES T. STEVENS.

H. B. NEWHALL.

HENRY ROBINSON.

JAMES E. SPEAR.

A. WILBUR LYNDE.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

ARTHUR C. TAPLEY.

GEORGE CAMPBELL.

GEORGE H. PUTNEY.

FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN.

\* Deceased.

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen present their customary Report for the financial year ending December 31st, 1883. The departments coming under their immediate supervision will be found under their appropriate headings.

## EXPENDITURE FOR POOR.

The whole number of those who have received more or less aid during the year is one hundred and thirteen. Of this number, twelve have received full support for the whole or a part of the year, and one hundred and one have been aided temporarily.

There are ten in the hospitals for the insane, which is a larger number than was ever before reported. One of these has reimbursed the town in full, and another in part, — leaving \$138.83 remaining in the assets to be collected.

Of those temporarily aided, seventy-six have their settlements in this town. The other twenty-five belong to the State, or cities and towns which have either reimbursed or from whom bills are now due.

The whole number of vagrants lodged in the lock-up for the year is eighty-seven.

There has been an unusual amount of sickness, both in the *inside* and the *outside* relief departments, which, with the excess of the insane, has made the expense to exceed our calculations when making up the appropriations for the year. While we regret that an overdraft renders a deficiency vote necessary, we beg to remind our citizens that this, in common with other departments of our town affairs, is likely to become of increased magnitude and importance with the rapid growth of a population like our own.

## HIGHWAYS, NEW STREETS, AND DRAINAGE.

Previous to the death of our associate, General Boyd, the streets, sidewalks, bridges, etc., were under his immediate control, James Marshall acting as Superintendent over the workmen.

The largest amount of labor performed upon any one street was upon our main thoroughfare, from Wyoming Avenue to Malden line, about 1,000 loads of gravel being used.

The remainder of the highway appropriation has been expended for repairing and keeping in order the streets throughout the town ; with the exception of \$150 paid for drain-pipe, which would have been charged to the drainage account had we not been obliged to expend that appropriation entire for the replacing of old and the making of new drains. In our judgment, whenever drain-pipe can be used, it will be, in the end, economy for the town to lay the same in preference to wooden drains, which soon decay, fall in, and cause much labor and expense to renew and repair. The pipe referred to was purchased at a very low price.

Perkins Street and Leeds Street were built, and First, Second, and Third Streets were completed as far as accepted by the town ; labor being performed under supervision of Mr. Boyd.

The sidewalk on Main Street, from house of Warren Lynde to the new street leading to the Rubber Factory, was built within the appropriation, and the balance remaining was expended for lumber for the fence running parallel with the same. Over 2,000 loads of gravel were furnished by Hon. E. S. Converse without expense to the town. The amount paid to the Boston Rubber Shoe Co. was for the alterations made in Washington Street, near their factory, by order of the County Commissioners, which sum we were authorized by your vote to pay. The expense was much less than it could possibly have been had we undertaken to contract for or to build the same.

#### SIDEWALKS, CROSSINGS, AND GUTTERS.

We are pleased to report that applications for concrete sidewalks, to be laid as per vote of the Town, continue to be presented. We have inserted in the warrant an article for your consideration as to the propriety of the Town paying a part of the expense of placing granite curbing on the sidewalk line opposite estates.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

The lamps have been lighted in the same manner and by the same Company as in previous years. We have often been requested to furnish gas-lights on those streets where gas-pipes are laid. Should the Town favor this project, a larger appropriation would be required than heretofore. Five lamps have been added during the year.



## POLICE.

Early in the year we appointed George Campbell and Frank N. McLaughlin members of the force. Upon the resignation of Mr. A. B. Pierce (who had faithfully served for many years), we appointed Mr. Campbell as night-watchman, and Mr. McLaughlin as Chief of Police. They have both exercised good judgment, and discharged their duties with ability and promptness.

## PERAMBULATION.

October 27, 1883, we met the Selectmen of the town of Wakefield, and perambulated the lines between the towns. We found the bounds in their proper places, and in good condition.

## OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

State and military aid have been disbursed to persons entitled, and the amounts so paid have been approved each month by the Hon. Commissioners of State Aid.

Rent for Battery "C" has been paid, and refunded to the Town by the State.

The Fire Department has been economically managed, and its members have responded promptly when called upon.

Through the efforts of the School Committee, aided by counsel, a claim against the Town of Stoneham for the education of pupils in the Highland School has been paid.

The Town debt has been diminished by the payment of notes amounting to five thousand dollars.

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OBITUARY NOTICE.

In closing this report, it is fitting that we express our high appreciation of the services rendered this Town by our lamented associate, General Joseph F. Boyd, who passed away Aug. 18, 1883, in the eightieth year of his age. Possessed of the most sterling integrity, and endowed by nature with great physical and mental activity, he zealously gave to your service an invaluable experience, gathered during a long and highly honorable career. General Boyd became a citizen of this town in 1869, and during the past five years was a member of this board. Most of his life was spent in Charlestown, where his public life embraced the various offices of Assessor, Selectman, Councilman, Alderman,

and Representative to the General Court. He was also Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Captain of three different military organizations, and Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth under Governor Morton; in all of which positions he served with credit and distinction. His death creates a vacancy not easily filled.

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Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL NORTON, JR.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

Annual Meeting, March 5, 1883. 12 M.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE WARRANT. To choose a Moderator.

Levi S. Gould chosen.

ART. 2. To bring in votes for Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and other officers; votes for two School Committee to be on a separate ballot.

To bring in votes, also upon a separate ballot, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be "YES" or "No."

*Voted*, That the officers elected by ballot this day, shall consist of three Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors, one Clerk, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, three Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, five Library Trustees, three Auditors, two Constables, and two School Committee for three years.

Polls opened.

*Voted*, That the transaction of town business, other than voting for officers, be postponed to 7.30 P. M.

*Voted*, To close the polls at 5.15 P. M.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

*Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.*—Daniel Norton, Jr., Henry G. Fields, Joseph F. Boyd. *Town Clerk*—John Larrabee. *Town Treasurer*—George Newhall. *Collector of Taxes*—Jonathan C. Howes. *Assessors*—George C. Stantial, Henry A. Leonard, Dexter Pratt. *Water Commissioner for Three Years*—Wilbur D. Fiske. *Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for Three Years*—Royal P. Barry. *Auditors*—John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Gilbert N. Harris. *Constables*—Ansel B. Pierce, Joseph Holbrook. *Trustees of the Public Library*—Frederic Kidder, Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Hannah Lynde, Addie A. Nichols. *School Committee*—Clifton Fletcher, Martha A. Adams, for three years.

## LICENSE QUESTION.

“ Yes,” twenty-two votes (22) ; “ No,” one hundred and eighty votes (180).

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Adjourned Meeting, March 5, 1883. 7.30 P. M.

ART. 4. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal*—Seth E. Benson, James D. Littlefield. *Surveyor of Lumber*—Henry A. Leonard. *Committee on Cemeteries*—George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee. *Field Drivers*—Otis Howard, H. B. Newhall, Frank Gibbons, Samuel Lear, W. Truman Howard. *Fence Viewers*—Dexter Pratt, George P. Fuller. *Sealer of Weights and Measures*—A. B. Pierce.

Report of Committee on Appropriations read and accepted.

ART. 4. Laid on table.

ART. 5. To raise money for schools.

*Voted*, To raise fourteen thousand five hundred dollars for the support of schools.

ART. 6. To raise money for school contingent expenses.

*Voted*, To raise two thousand three hundred dollars for school contingent expenses.

ART. 7. To raise money for highways.

*Voted*, To raise three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars for highways.

*Voted*, That two thirds of the sum raised be expended before May 30, 1883.

ART. 8. To raise money for sidewalks.

*Voted*, To raise one thousand dollars for sidewalks, said sum to be expended for concrete walks, under direction of the Selectmen, according to provisions of laws accepted by the Town, relating to sidewalks.

ART. 9. To raise money for crossings and gutters.

*Voted*, To raise five hundred dollars for concrete crossings and gutters.

ART. 10. To raise money for the support of the poor.

*Voted*, To raise four thousand dollars for the support of the poor.

ART. 11. To raise money for the Fire Department.

*Voted*, To raise two thousand dollars for the expenses of the Fire Department.

ART. 12. To raise money for the lighting and care of street lamps.

*Voted*, To raise fifteen hundred dollars for the lighting and care of street lamps.

ART. 13. To raise money for additional street lamps.

*Voted*, To raise one hundred dollars for additional street lamps.

ART. 14. To raise money to pay watchmen and policemen.

*Voted*, To raise one thousand dollars for police and night watch.

ART. 15. To raise money for contingent expenses.

*Voted*, To raise nine hundred dollars for contingent expenses.

ART. 16. To raise money to pay interest on the Town debt.

*Voted*, To raise six thousand three hundred dollars to pay interest on the Town debt.

ART. 17. To raise money for the reduction of the Town debt.

*Voted*, To raise five thousand dollars for the reduction of the Town debt.

ART. 18. To raise money for the Public Library.

*Voted*, To raise eight hundred dollars, and to appropriate the dog tax when received, for the Public Library.

ART. 19. To raise money for water, maintenance and use of same.

*Voted*, To raise two thousand dollars for the use of water, hydrants, etc.

ART. 20. To raise money for salaries of Town officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.

*Voted*, That the salaries of town officers be the same as paid last year, with the exception of salary of Treasurer, which shall be fixed at three hundred dollars.

*Voted*, To raise eighteen hundred dollars for the payment of salaries.

ART. 21. To raise money for drainage, bridges, and culverts.

*Voted*, To raise one hundred and fifty dollars for drainage, bridges, and culverts.

ART. 22. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses of the ensuing year.

*Voted*, To raise for deficiencies five thousand four hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-one cents; viz.: for water, cost of constructing works, 1882, \$4,685.28; balance of cost in 1881, \$7; total, \$4,692.28; for military aid, 1882, \$398; Town Hall account, \$403.43.

*Voted*, To raise two hundred dollars for removing snow.

*Voted*, That the unexpended balances from last year be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments.

ART. 23. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

*Voted*, That all taxes be made payable on or before Oct. 1, 1883, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of six per centum per annum. That all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1884, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate a further sum of money for the drainage of Otis Street, on petition of R. F. Maxwell and others.

*Voted*, To indefinitely postpone.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Tuesday evening, March 13, 1883, at 7.30 P. M.

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Adjourned Meeting, March 13, 1883, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 25. To raise money for the building of the extension of Foster Street, as laid out and accepted.

*Voted*, To postpone indefinitely.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Melrose Street, northerly to Franklin Street, and raise money for the building of the same.

*Voted*, To postpone indefinitely.

ART. 27 and ART. 28. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association lands (so called), now known as Second Street, and raise money for the building of the same.

To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association lands (so called), now known as Third Street, and raise money for the building of the same.



*Voted*, To accept Second and Third Streets, as laid out by the Selectmen Oct. 28, 1882.

*Voted*, To raise five hundred and fifty dollars, said sum to be expended, during April and May, in repairs upon Second and Third Streets, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will build a school-house on land recently purchased by the Town, on Franklin Street, Highlands, and raise or appropriate money for the same, on petition of J. G. Taylor and others.

*Voted*, That a committee of five be appointed to procure plans and estimates, so far as may be necessary for the information of the Town, for a school-house to be built on lot of land recently purchased by the Town, on Franklin Street, Highlands, at a cost not exceeding eight thousand dollars; committee to report to Town at meeting in November.

*Committee chosen*.—Joel Snow, Rufus A. White, W. Irving Ellis, William Boynton, Clifton Fletcher.

ART. 4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

*Voted* unanimously, To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in such sums, and on such terms, and for such time, as may be found for the interest of the Town, as a temporary loan in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, which loan is hereby made payable from such taxes,—the amount borrowed not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars at any one time.

ART. 30. To see what action the Town will take in the matter of ventilating the Town Hall, and raise money therefor if necessary, on petition of John W. Farwell and others.

*Voted*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated, and that the Selectmen be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding that amount, for improving the ventilation of the Town Hall.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will build a sidewalk on Main Street, from Masonic Hall, Wyoming, to Malden line, and appropriate or raise money for the same, on petition of Henry Barron and others.

*Voted*, That the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars be raised and expended, under the direction of the Selectmen, for the build-

ing of a sidewalk on Main Street, from Masonic Hall, Wyoming, to Malden line, walk to be built of gravel or other material.

ART. 32. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

*Voted*, That the sums received during the year 1882 as bank and corporation tax, be appropriated toward the payment of debt incurred for school building at Wyoming.

Report of Selectmen concerning guide-boards, received and accepted.

*Voted*, To adjourn *sine die*.

### APPROPRIATIONS, 1883.

#### March 5.

Schools, support of . . . . .	\$14,500 00
School contingent expenses . . . . .	2,300 00
Highways . . . . .	3,650 00
Crossings and gutters . . . . .	500 00
Sidewalks . . . . .	1,000 00
Poor, support of . . . . .	4,000 00
Fire Department . . . . .	2,000 00
Street lights . . . . .	1,500 00
Additional street lamps . . . . .	100 00
Police and night watchmen . . . . .	1,000 00
Contingent expenses . . . . .	900 00
Interest on Town debt . . . . .	6,300 00
Reduction of " . . . . .	5,000 00
Public Library . . . . .	800 00
Water, use of . . . . .	2,000 00
Salaries, Town officers . . . . .	1,800 00
Drainage, bridges, and culverts . . . . .	150 00
Deficiencies in accounts . . . . .	5,493 71
Removing snow . . . . .	200 00

#### March 13.

Second and Third Streets, building of . . . . .	\$550 00
Town Hall, ventilating of . . . . .	150 00
Sidewalk, Main Street . . . . .	950 00
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	\$54,843 71

Sums appropriated Nov. 15, 1882, for the building of First, Perkins, and Leeds Streets, were by vote directed to be assessed in taxes of 1883.



Meeting, Tuesday, November 6, 1833, 7 A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in votes for State and county officers.

Vote, as declared in open town meeting, was as follows:—

*For Governor.*

	<i>Votes.</i>
George D. Robinson of Chicopee . . . . .	622
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell . . . . .	377
Charles Almy of New Bedford . . . . .	10

*For Lieutenant-Governor.*

Oliver Ames of Easton . . . . .	641
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield . . . . .	360
John Blackmer of Springfield . . . . .	6
Chas. R. Codman of Boston . . . . .	1
Charles Almy of New Bedford . . . . .	1
George Dutton of Boston . . . . .	1

*For Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

Henry B. Peirce of Abington . . . . .	649
Charles Marsh of Springfield . . . . .	354
Solomon F. Root of Douglass . . . . .	6
A. B. Brown of Worcester . . . . .	1

*For Treasurer and Receiver-General.*

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford . . . . .	648
Charles H. Ingalls of North Adams . . . . .	355
Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton . . . . .	6
Washington Wendell of Orange . . . . .	1

*For Auditor.*

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield . . . . .	648
John Hopkins of Millbury . . . . .	355
Jonathan Buck of Gloucester . . . . .	6
Geo. W. Kimball of Natick . . . . .	1

*For Attorney-General.*

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence . . . . .	647
John W. Cummings of Fall River . . . . .	355
Samuel A. Fairfield of Malden . . . . .	6
Charles A. Taber of Lynn . . . . .	1

*For District Attorney — Northern District.*

William B. Stevens of Stoneham . . . . .	631
Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield . . . . .	372
B. F. Briggs of Stoneham . . . . .	5

*For Sheriff.*

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell . . . . .	1003
Edgar Hemmenway of Framingham . . . . .	5

*Sheriff, for unexpired term.*

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell . . . . .	14
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*For County Commissioner.*

William S. Frost of Marlborough . . . . .	648
Lewis P. True of Everett . . . . .	355
W. W. Sherman of Lowell . . . . .	5

*For Special (County) Commissioners.*

Leander M. Hannum of Cambridge . . . . .	648
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn . . . . .	634
Edward T. Thompson of Woburn . . . . .	14
Samuel Staples of Concord . . . . .	355
Sylvanus Pond of Holliston . . . . .	355
C. B. Travis of Natick . . . . .	5
J. W. Barber of Sherburn . . . . .	5

*For Register of Probate and Insolvency.*

Joseph H. Tyler of Winchester . . . . .	1003
John Hall of Watertown . . . . .	5

*For Commissioners of Insolvency.*

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell . . . . .	648
John Haskell Butler of Somerville . . . . .	648
Clark A. Batchelder of Ayer . . . . .	648
Clement Meserve of Hopkinton . . . . .	355
John H. Ponce of Cambridge . . . . .	355
Edward B. Quinn of Lowell . . . . .	355
J. W. Bathford of Newton . . . . .	5
E. B. Saunders of Natick . . . . .	5
A. D. Norton of Framingham . . . . .	5

*For Councillor — Sixth District.*

James W. Bennett of Lowell . . . . .	646
Charles S. Lilley of Lowell . . . . .	356
Amos Cummings of Woburn . . . . .	5

*For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.*

Onslow Gilmore of Stoneham . . . . .	630
William F. Young of Wakefield . . . . .	370
Ammi Cutter of Stoneham . . . . .	5

*For Representative to the General Court, Ninth Middlesex District.*

Wingate P. Sargent of Melrose . . . . .	615
Charles W. Ellison of Melrose . . . . .	389
John W. Farwell of Melrose . . . . .	1

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1883, 7.30 P. M.

**Adjourned Meeting, Nov. 13, 1883. 7.30 P. M.**

ART. 2. To choose a Moderator to preside for the transaction of Town business.

Levi S. Gould unanimously chosen.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to ascertain the cost of a new water main from Spot Pond, also the cost of a new gate-house at the pond, and report at the next town meeting.

*Voted*, That the Board of Water Commissioners, with John W. Farwell and Royal P. Barry, be a committee to ascertain the cost of a new water main from Spot Pond, also the cost of a new gate-house at the pond, — to report, with recommendations, to next Annual Meeting.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will build the extension of Foster Street, as laid out and accepted, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the same, on petition of Artemas Barrett and others.

*Voted*, To postpone indefinitely.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Upham Street to Emerson Street, over land of George Lynde, the same being an extension of Rowe Street; also, to see if the Town will accept an alteration of the lines of Rowe Street north of Emerson Street.

*Voted*, To accept the street as laid out, and that it be called Rowe Street.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Upham Street, northerly, and parallel with Bellevue Avenue.

*Voted*, To accept the street as laid out, and that it be called Emerald Street.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to examine and report at the next Annual Meeting the amounts necessary to be raised to meet the expenses of the ensuing year.

*Voted*, That John B. Souther, F. S. Hesseltine, Rufus A. White, N. P. Jones, Moses Briggs, Seth E. Benson, Augustus Barrett, N. D. Blake, H. H. Westgate, and E. R. Cleaveland be a committee to ascertain what amounts it will be necessary to raise to meet current expenses of the ensuing year, and report at Annual Meeting in March next.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will build a sidewalk on Tremont Street, from Franklin Street to Emerson Street, and borrow money for the same.

Indefinitely postponed.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take to provide school accommodations for that part of the town in the vicinity of the Rubber Works.

*Voted*, That Clifton Fletcher, N. D. Blake, and George H. Dearborn be a committee to consider, examine, and report, with recommendations, to next meeting.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will erect a drinking-fountain for horses, that can be of use in winter, to be located on Main Street, near the Town Hall, on petition of Francis Bennett and 23 others.

*Voted*, That Moses Briggs, Daniel Norton, Jr., and Henry G. Fields, be a committee to investigate and report, with recommendations, to next meeting, as to feasibility of providing such a convenience.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised.

*Jury List as Accepted.*

Allen, William H.  
 Barrett, Artemas  
 Barrett, David A.  
 Bennett, Francis  
 Bryant, Dexter  
 Buffum, John  
 Church, Asa  
 Close, Emery  
 Cobb, Hiram  
 Cochran, Nelson  
 Dill, Jesse A.  
 Eastman, Joseph S.  
 Elliott, J. Maxwell  
 Emery, Salter  
 Faxon, Gustavus A.  
 Fernald, James H.  
 Fuller, George P.  
 Hayward, Paul  
 Heath, Augustus H.  
 Jones, John R.  
 Lear, Samuel

Lunt, Alfred T.  
 Lynde, Andrew  
 McLaughlin, Frank  
 Moore, Eugene H.  
 Marshall, Everett M.  
 Nickerson, Lemuel  
 Prentice, Charles  
 Remick, William A.  
 Reynolds, George W.  
 Sewall, John S.  
 Sprague, Samuel  
 Stewart, William H.  
 Taylor, Fernando C.  
 Upham, Benjamin R.  
 Valentine, Charles F.  
 Ward, Joseph H.  
 White, Ira J.  
 Wiley, Henry E.  
 Wood, Joseph  
 Withey, James L.

ART. 12. To hear and act upon the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Report of Assessors appointed as a committee to settle with J. R. Jones, collector of taxes for years 1878 and 1879, read and accepted.

Report of Committee on school-house at the Highlands read and accepted.

*Voted, To adjourn sine die.*

# STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

	<i>Births.</i>	<i>Marriages.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
January . . . .	14	5	6
February . . . .	11	5	8
March . . . .	8	7	10
April . . . .	4	4	5
May . . . .	10	6	2
June . . . .	8	5	4
July . . . .	8	4	6
August . . . .	15	—	12
September . . . .	8	5	6
October . . . .	17	7	5
November . . . .	9	8	8
December . . . .	16	2	6
	<hr/> 128	<hr/> 58	<hr/> 78

## BIRTHS.

Number registered . . . .	128
Males . . . .	65
Females . . . .	63
	—128

Of the above number 122 were born in Melrose and 6 were born in other places.

Born of American parents . . . .	88
of foreign parents . . . .	26
of American father and foreign mother . . . .	10
of foreign father and American mother . . . .	4
	—128

## INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples . . . .	57
Both parties residing in Melrose . . . .	28
But one party residing in Melrose . . . .	29
	—57

## MARRIAGES.

Whole number . . . . .	58
More than last year . . . . .	6
Both parties American . . . . .	43
Both parties foreign . . . . .	9
Parties American and foreign . . . . .	6
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	58
First marriage of persons . . . . .	103
Second marriage of persons . . . . .	13
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	116 — 58 couples.

## DEATHS.

Whole number registered . . . . .	78
Less than last year . . . . .	4
Had residence elsewhere . . . . .	6
Males (married) . . . . .	17
Females (married) . . . . .	13
Widows . . . . .	7
Widowers . . . . .	4
Males (single) . . . . .	8
Females (single) . . . . .	3
Male children . . . . .	16
Female children . . . . .	10
	— 78
Under one year (still-born or premature birth, 6)	19
From 1 to 5 . . . . .	5
5 " 10 . . . . .	1
10 " 20 . . . . .	4
20 " 30 . . . . .	8
30 " 40 . . . . .	4
40 " 50 . . . . .	2
50 " 60 . . . . .	6
60 " 70 . . . . .	9
70 " 80 . . . . .	12
80 " 90 . . . . .	7
Over 90 . . . . .	1
	— 78

Oldest person, Mr. Timothy Howe, aged 91 years 7 months.

American parentage . . . . .	60
Foreign parentage . . . . .	14
Mixed parentage . . . . .	4
	— 78



*Jurors drawn during Year.*

Seth E. Benson, Grand Juror.

Mch. 15—George W. Farnsworth.    George F. Boardman.  
          Pliny Edson.                    Alfred Bicknell.

May 26 — George W. Dew.            George P. Fuller.  
          George A. Safford.          John Miller.

Oct. 2 — Isaac D. Woodbury.      Royal B. Leighton.

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DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year 1883—220 males and 27 females ; total, 247.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by law, \$525.60.

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ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer—1,763, for the sum of \$51,711.29.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LARRABEE,

*Town Clerk.*



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JANUARY 1, 1884.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES.

#### *High School.*

Alonzo G. Whitman, one year . . .	\$1,600 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, " . . .	800 00	
Annette E. Clark, " . . .	500 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,900 00

#### *Grammar Schoools.*

##### FIRST.

Harriet C. Fairbanks, eight weeks . . .	\$150 00	
" " thirty-two weeks . . .	640 00	
Charlotte A. Bishop, one year . . .	500 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,290 00

##### SECOND. (EMERSON ST.)

Lucy W. Bisbee, one year . . . . .	\$550 00
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##### SECOND. (CENTRE.)

C. E. Sewall, 24 weeks . . . . .	\$330 00	
Julia M. Porter, 13 weeks . . . . .	178 75	
Alice M. Swett, 3 weeks . . . . .	41 25	
	<u>          </u>	\$550 00

##### THIRD. (EMERSON ST.)

Susan D. Melcher, one year . . . . .	\$550 00
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##### THIRD. (CENTRE.)

Helen J. Barrett, one year . . . . .	\$550 00
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##### FOURTH. (CENTRE.)

Mary J. George, one year . . . . .	\$500 00
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##### FOURTH. (GROVE ST.)

Kate W. Bascom, one year . . . . .	\$500 00
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*Intermediate and Mixed Schools.*

Lydia Mendum (Green St.), 8 weeks,	\$100 00	
“ “ “ 32 “	420 00	
Alice H. Long (Vinton St.), 8 weeks,	90 00	
“ “ “ 32 “	380 00	
Effie C. Sweetser (Lynde St.), one year,	450 00	
Alice B. Woodruff (Highlands), 26 weeks,	292 50	
C. E. Sewall “ 14 “	157 50	
Ella F. Norris (Grove St.), one year,	450 00	
C. L. Hollis (Upham St.), “	450 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,790 00

*Primary Schools.*

Alice M. Swett (Lynde St.), 37 weeks,	\$416 25	
Mary E. Whitcomb “ 3 “	33 75	
Hannah F. Lewis (Centre), 8 weeks,	90 00	
“ “ “ 32 “	380 00	
Hannah K. Harden (Green St.), one year,	450 00	
Lucy F. Dermot (Vinton St.), “	450 00	
Mary I. Hersey (Grove St.), 16 weeks,	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

*Music.*

C. E. Whiting, one year . . . . .	\$300 00
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## JANITORS' SALARIES.

Frank McLaughlin (High School Building),	\$275 04	
Charles T. Stevens (Centre) . . .	204 07	
Samuel Sprague (Town Hall) . . .	29 19	
Joseph W. Simonds (Green St.) . . .	99 96	
Benjamin Stones (Vinton St.) . . .	99 96	
William F. Serrat (Lynde St.) . . .	99 96	
Eri Upham (Upham St.) . . . . .	50 04	
John Singer (Highlands) . . . . .	50 04	
Charles F. Valentine (Grove St.) . . .	80 19	
	<hr/>	\$988 45

## SCHOOL COMMITTEES' SALARIES, 1882-83.

Clifton Fletcher, Chairman . . . . .	\$75 00	
Julius S. Clark . . . . .	50 00	
Levi W. Gilman . . . . .	50 00	
Sarah W. Bradbury . . . . .	50 00	
Martha A. Adams . . . . .	50 00	
Arethusa K. Miller . . . . .	50 00	
Levi W. Gilman, 6 mos. (1883) . . .	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$350 00

FUEL.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	.	.	\$914 30
J. McCarthy & Sons, charcoal	.	.	27 00
John McCarthy	"	.	3 25
			<hr/> \$944 55

### RECAPITULATION.

Teacher's salaries	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$12,480 00
Janitors' "	.	.	.	.	.	.	988 45
Committees' "	.	.	.	.	.	.	350 00
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							\$13,818 45
Fuel	.	.	.	.	.	.	944 55
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							\$14,763 00

CONTRA.

Appropriation	.	.	.	\$14,500	00
Balance from last year	.	.	.	250	69
Received from State	.	.	.	191	66
Received for tuition of children—Morse, of Greenwood	.	.	.	6	00
Town of Stoneham	.	.	.	450	66
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				\$15,399	01
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	.	\$636 01
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					\$15,399 01

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,300 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	60 49
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	\$2,360 49
Received from C. A. Eastman Agent, for school books sold . . . . .	839 66
Hugh Colligan, unexpired lease of Boardman's Hall . . . . .	7 00
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	\$3,207 15

## EXPENDED.

*General Repairs, Buildings, Grounds, etc.*

Benjamin Ames, stock and labor . . . . .	\$123 11
David R. Woodward, stock and labor . . . . .	77 63
E. N. Sargent, " " . . . . .	1 85
William Fanley, " " . . . . .	1 26
A. E. Upham, steps to Upham St. building . . . . .	34 00
E. P. J. Morton, wire screens to Grove St. building . . . . .	50 65
Calvin Varney, whitening Vinton St. building . . . . .	15 00
Albon W. Parker, painting, graining, and glazing . . . . .	204 27
George W. Dew, " . . . . .	11 60
J. A. Swasey, 980 ft. blackboard surface . . . . .	78 40
J. C. Howes, repairing furnaces, stoves, etc. . . . .	154 12
Holbrook & Hunt, plumbing, etc. . . . .	72 50
J. P. Deering, lumber . . . . .	35 43
O. N. Kennard, concreting walks, cor. of Grove and Myrtle Sts.—158 yards at 35c. . . . .	\$55 30
252 " 17 1-2c. . . . .	44 10
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	99 40
A. W. Lynde, cementing cellar, Grove St. building . . . . .	37 50
C. O. Saunders, 27 shade-trees . . . . .	37 80
Melrose Improvement Soc., labor and loam . . . . .	17 62
Benjamin Stones, cleaning vaults (Vinton St.) . . . . .	5 00
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	\$1,057 14

*Books, Stationery, etc.*

Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., books . . . . .	\$75 60
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, " . . . . .	239 37
A. C. Stockin, " . . . . .	3 37
Harper & Brothers, " . . . . .	53 46
Willard Small, " . . . . .	2 00
D. Appleton & Co., " . . . . .	73 31
Knight, Adams & Co., " . . . . .	282 67
Charles H. Whiting, " . . . . .	48 57
J. W. C. Gilman & Co., " . . . . .	33 50
National Temperance Society, " . . . . .	6 67
Ginn, Heath & Co., " . . . . .	17 97
Martin, Garrison & Co., People's Cyclopedia . . . . .	18 00
Maynard & Noyes, ink . . . . .	19 25
G. B. Meleney, 12 Graphic writing charts . . . . .	24 00
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Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$897.74

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$897.74
C. A. Eastman, books, etc.	4 80
J. L. Hammett, sundries	85 72
Boston School Supply Co., pens, etc.	3 20
N. E. School Furnishing Co., blackboard erasers	12 58

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\$1,004 04

*Printing.*

Babb & Stephens, programmes	\$11 00
T. W. Ripley, extra reports	8 00

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\$19 00

*Sundries, Supplies, etc.*

George F. Boardman, rent of room	\$100 00
C. A. Eastman, book agent, 1 year	50 00
Wiggin & Fernald, legal services collecting claim against town of Stoneham	50 00
Bugbee & Barrett, snow-shovel	50
John Larrabee, sponges, etc.	1 05
A. G. Whitman, sundries	6 48
Chickering & Sons, carting piano	8 00
L. T. Freeman, carting piano and furniture	4 50
L. W. Gilman, sundries	6 80
Ames Plow Co., wheelbarrow	3 00
Boston Belting Co., hose, pipe, etc.	12 15
Lemuel Merrill, locks and keys	3 50
E. Thayer, conveying children	38 50
M. F. Eastman, expressing	13 10
A. B. Pierce, services truant officer	5 88
F. M. McLaughlin, “ “	7 79
Orthodox Cong'l Society, use of chapel	10 00
J. A. Dill, catering for institute	31 50
C. E. Whiting, music	2 40
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	18 65
Hannah F. Lewis, filling out diplomas	4 00
C. G. Harris, ribbon for “	4 20
M. S. Page & Co., two clocks	10 00
G. P. Reed, cleaning clocks	3 25
C. F. Valentine, sundries	5 59
C. F. Valentine, cleaning windows and floors (Grove Street building)	19 38
Asa Church, seating chairs	1 25

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\$421 47

*Furniture.*

Geo. F. Roach & Co., office desks . . . .	\$15 00
C. W. Clark, 7 single desks . . . .	19 50
Buffalo Hardware Co., desks . . . .	212 80
Boston & Maine R.R., freight on desks . . . .	24 12
Buffalo School Furniture Co., desks . . . .	302 60
C. F. Valentine, setting up desks . . . .	6 00
O. Lappen & Co., ash barrel . . . .	4 00
S. P. Rowell, repairs, etc. . . .	40 90
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	\$624 92

## RECAPITULATION.

General repairs, etc. . . . .	\$1,057 14
Books, stationery, etc. . . . .	1,004 04
Supplies, etc. . . . .	421 47
Printing . . . . .	19 00
Furniture . . . . .	624 92
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	\$3,126 57
Balance unexpended . . . . .	80 58
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	\$3,207 15

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$900 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	36 02

## RECEIPTS.

For auctioners' licenses : —	
John R. Jones . . . . .	\$2 00
Nelson Cochran . . . . .	2 00
George W. Farnsworth . . . . .	2 00
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	6 00
From Crystal Lake Fishing Association, rent of pond	
one year . . . . .	10 00
For lock-up fees . . . . .	3 00
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	\$955 02

## EXPENDED.

Board of Selectmen, clerk hire, 1882 . . . .	\$25 00	
George C. Stantial, clerk for Selectmen, 1883 . . . .	25 00	
T. W. Ripley, printing 1,300 reports, 1882 . . . .	183 25	
G. W. Reynolds, printing warrants, notices, bill-heads, voting lists, etc. . . . .	83 24	
T. W. Ripley, tax bills and notices . . . . .	18 50	
A. W. Haskell, Collector's book . . . . .	4 50	
Rockwell & Churchill, tax bills . . . . .	3 00	
John Larrabee, collecting, recording, and returning births, deaths, and marriages, 1882 . . . .	75 00	
John Larrabee, services preparing reports, 1882, regis- ter of voters, check lists, State aid, etc. . . .	40 00	
John Larrabee, cash paid for stationery, postage, etc.	7 10	
P. O. Department, stamps . . . . .	3 00	
Cunningham Express, expressing . . . . .	1 10	
M. F. Eastman, expressing . . . . .	2 70	
A. B. Pierce, returning 65 deaths, 1883 . . . .	13 75	
J. F. Wakefield, M. D., returning birth . . . .	25	
A. B. Pierce, posting notices, distributing warrants, reports, etc. . . . .	86 50	
George F. King & Merrill, stationery, etc. . . .	16 60	
G. W. Bartlett, carriage hire . . . . .	30 50	
Dexter Pratt, carriage hire . . . . .	10 00	
Daniel Norton, Jr., expense, police badges . . . .	2 00	
Dexter Pratt, locating streets . . . . .	14 50	
Lawrence Wilde & Co., mattresses for lock-up . . . .	3 50	
H. B. Newhall, posting notices . . . . .	2 00	
F. McLaughlin, ringing bell . . . . .	6 00	
W. C. Stevens, " " . . . . .	2 00	
Samuel Lear, " " . . . . .	6 00	
Samuel Sprague, " " . . . . .	6 00	
Battery "C," M. V. M., firing salute, July 4 . . . .	50 00	
F. S. Hesseltine, services, Maurice G. Coch- ran vs. Town . . . . .	\$51 50	
Bill in equity, Town vs. Stoneham R.R., obtaining injunction, etc. . . . .	75 00	126 50
Gooch & Burdett, services T. Corey vs. Assessors . . . . .		25 00
		<hr/> \$872 49
Balance unexpended . . . . .		82 53
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

## EXPENDED.

*For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, etc.*

William H. Wells, groceries . . . . .	\$183 00
Bugbee & Barrett, groceries and provisions . . . . .	266 51
L. F. Hinckley, " " " " . . . . .	316 51
L. W. Gilman, " " " " . . . . .	71 01
James Worthen, " " " " . . . . .	127 74
A. Wheeler & Co. " " " " . . . . .	61 30
Frost & Hawes, " " " " . . . . .	28 50
George U. Barker, " " " " . . . . .	15 00
Lawrence Leonard, supplies and rent Kelley family, . . . . .	78 00
J. P. Murphy, " " " " . . . . .	66 00
S. H. Nowell, milk . . . . .	22 02
Angevine Bros., milk . . . . .	18 02
Geo. E. Fuller " " " " . . . . .	5 29
Henry C. Bliss " " " " . . . . .	12 32
J. A. Dill, bread . . . . .	41 82
Daniel Norton, Jr., cash paid . . . . .	15 00
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	\$1,328 04

*Fuel.*

S. E. Benson, wood and coal . . . . .	\$368 49
James Marshall, wood and coal . . . . .	75 10
B. R. Upham " " " " . . . . .	104 94
William Knollin, Jr., coal . . . . .	3 25
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	\$551 78

*Medical Attendance and Medicine.*

J. Vincent Smith, M. D. . . . .	\$86 00
J. Heber Smith, M. D. . . . .	12 00
Julius S. Clark, M. D. . . . .	56 00
G. H. Hackett, M. D. . . . .	4 00
John Larrabee, medicines . . . . .	32 89
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	\$190 89

*For Support of Insane.*

Danvers Lunatic Hospital . . . . .	\$693 94
Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester . . . . .	360 01
Worcester Lunatic Hospital . . . . .	474 23
Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	61 29
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	\$1,589 47



*Burial Expenses.*

A. B. Pierce, burial Mrs. Stinson . . . .	\$18 50
“ “ Howard and Waitt . . . .	14 00
D. H. Royal, care body Mrs. Stinson and clothing furnished . . . . .	8 00
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	\$40 50

*Outside Relief.*

City of Boston, aid to Eunice B. Snow, William A. Johnson, Hallahan, and Hitchings . . . .	\$159 78
City of Lynn, aid to Mary A. Davis . . . .	9 00
Town of Woburn, aid to L. W. Harris and family . .	154 60
City of Malden, aid to Ezra Waitt . . . .	\$212 95
aid to Sarah Howard . . . .	19 57
aid to Asa Slocumb . . . .	371 50
aid to James Killion . . . .	6 50
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	610 52
Town of Wakefield, illness and funeral expenses A. W. Waitt . . . . .	35 25
Town of Methuen, aid to Sarah Howard . . . .	16 88
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	\$986 03

*Rents.*

B. R. Upham, 57 weeks, Mrs. Stinson . . . .	\$57 00
B. R. Upham, 29 weeks, Mrs. E. C. Grover . . . .	29 00
W. J. Farnsworth, 4 months, C. M. Grover . . . .	14 00
W. J. Farnsworth, rent and supplies to Martha and Mary Paine, 45 weeks (nurse, \$8) . . . .	143 00
C. H. Simpson, 16 weeks, J. H. Howes . . . .	16 00
Charles Ramsdell, 17 weeks, J. H. Howes . . . .	17 00
Estate C. A. Green, 10½ months, Mrs. Sanborn . .	55 50
Dexter Bryant, 9 months, Dennis Sullivan, . . . .	9 00
John W. Cobb, 1 year, Mrs. Robert H. Terry . . . .	48 00
Est. J. Crowley, 5 months, Fred. Waitt, . . . .	15 00
Mary A. Crowley, 7 months, Fred. Waitt . . . .	21 00
Melvina Hemmenway, 3 months, Wm. H. Richardson, . .	12 00
Olive Earl, 2 months . . . . .	8 00
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	\$444 50

*Board and Clothing.*

Abbie Barter, board of Phoebe M. Waitt, 52 weeks .	\$156 00
Florence E. Upham, board of Arthur J. Richardson, 46 weeks . . . . .	46 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for Arthur J. Richardson,	10 25
Orice K. Stebbins, board of Abigail Connor, 13 mos.	169 00
“ “ clothing for Abigail Connor . . .	2 75
A. M. Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 51 weeks,	127 50
E. J. Barron, board of Lucy Barron, 2 months . .	22 00
“ “ “ 9 months . . . . .	117 00
Mrs. Eliza McCalman, board of Eliza C. Grover, 37 weeks . . . . .	111 00
Sam'l Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 1 month .	11 00
C. S. Jones, board of Stephen Hyde, 34 $\frac{2}{3}$ weeks .	104 00
Stephen Haraden, board of Abbie G. Fuller, 25 weeks,	50 00
James Eaton, board of Abbie G. Fuller, 10 weeks, .	20 00
D. H. Royal, board and care of Mrs. E. C. Grover,	9 00
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	\$955 50

*Sundries.*

C. G. Harris, dry goods . . . . .	\$26 54
G. L. Westgate, dry goods . . . . .	8 96
H. G. Fields, boots, shoes, and rubbers . . .	75 83
Geo. Newhall, shoes . . . . .	1 25
H. G. Fields, cash paid . . . . .	14 00
“ “ expenses, car fare, etc. . . . .	7 26
M. F. Eastman, bed filling . . . . .	1 00
Samuel Sprague, meals to tramps . . . . .	10 50
S. F. Barrett, car fares . . . . .	1 45
J. C. Howes, stove-pipe . . . . .	1 50
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	\$148 29

## RECAPITULATION.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, etc. . . . .	\$1,328 04
Fuel . . . . .	551 78
Medical attendance and medicines . . . . .	190 89
Support of insane . . . . .	1,589 47
Burial expenses . . . . .	40 50
Outside relief . . . . .	986 03
Rents . . . . .	444 50
Board and clothing . . . . .	955 50
Sundries . . . . .	148 29
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	\$6,235 00

## CONTRA.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	142 95

## RECEIPTS.

From City of Boston . . . . .	\$123 02
"    Somerville . . . . .	215 66
Town of Beverly . . . . .	47 75
"    Granby . . . . .	51 00
Commonwealth of Mass. . . . .	69 59
Peter Edgerly, board of daughter . . . . .	170 78
Mrs. James Cassell, on account of board of husband, . . . . .	50 00
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	\$4,870 75
Expenditures exceed . . . . .	1,364 25
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	\$6,235 00

Claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department, as follows:—

Commonwealth of Mass. . . . .	\$135 99
City of Boston . . . . .	47 75
"    Somerville . . . . .	81 00
Town of Beverly . . . . .	28 50
"    Falmouth . . . . .	7 75
For board of Insane persons . . . . .	138 83
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	\$439 82

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	241 05
Expended . . . . .	\$2,241 05
<i>Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.</i>	
Services of men . . . . .	\$496 66
Services of steward . . . . .	40 00
Edwards Brothers, repairing runners and new spring . . . . .	2 25
M. F. Eastman, hauling truck to fires . . . . .	11 00
R. Philpot, hauling truck to School St. . . . .	3 00
S. E. Benson, coal . . . . .	3 63
A. W. Parker, glazing . . . . .	50
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	\$557 04

*Russell Hose Company, No. 1.*

Services of men, one year . . . . .	\$300 00
Services of steward, one year . . . . .	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 5,700 feet gas . . . . .	15 68
S. E. Benson, wood and coal . . . . .	34 25
Frost & Hawes, nails and spikes . . . . .	4 42
T. B. Stantial, carpenter work . . . . .	38 50
J. P. Deering, lumber, shingles, etc. . . . .	56 27
A. W. Parker, paint and glass . . . . .	80
John B. Souther, 5 chairs . . . . .	7 50
Edwards Brothers, iron step and painting . . . . .	9 00
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	\$506 42

*N. D. Blake Hose Company, No. 2.*

Services of men, one year . . . . .	\$295 00
Services of steward, one year . . . . .	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 8,700 feet gas . . . . .	23 93
Thos. McCoubry, repairing, iron bolts, etc. . . . .	2 45
S. E. Benson, wood and coal . . . . .	10 88
Hose Co., expense, hauling carriage . . . . .	6 00
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	\$378 26

*Highland Hose Company, No. 3.*

Services of men, one year . . . . .	\$283 34
Services of steward, one year . . . . .	40 00
S. E. Benson, wood and coal . . . . .	12 70
William H. Greenleaf, paint'g, grain'g, paper'g, etc. . . . .	32 43
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	\$368 47

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Board of Engineers, services one year . . . . .	\$75 00
R. M. Rand, care of engine . . . . .	5 00
L. W. Gilman, rent 15 months (Hose Co. No. 2) . . . . .	187 50
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose . . . . .	1 50
J. B. Johnson, breastplate and snaps . . . . .	3 30
Hunneman & Co., lamps, etc. . . . .	3 35
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	\$275 65

## RECAPITULATION.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company.	.	.	.	\$557	04
Russell Hose Company	.	.	.	506	42
N. D. Blake Hose Company	.	.	.	378	26
Highland Hose Company	.	.	.	368	47
Contingent expenses	.	.	.	275	65
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					\$2,085 84

## CONTRA.

Appropriation	.	.	.	\$2,000	00
Balance from last year	.	.	.	241	05
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					\$2,241 05
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	155	21
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					\$2,241 05

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	\$800	00
Received from Amos Stone, County Treasurer, dog tax of 1882 refunded	.	.	.	.	451	98
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					\$1,251	98
Paid E. H. Goss, on orders from trustees	.	.	.	.	1,251	98

SCHOOL BUILDING CORNER GROVE AND MYRTLE  
STREETS.

Appropriation, for purchase of land and grading	.	\$2,500	00
for building	.	6,500	00
for building additional	.	2,000	00
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			\$11,000 00

## EXPENDED.

Paid committees' orders during year 1882	.	2,276	28
Paid committees' orders during year 1883	.	8,723	09
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			\$10,999 37
Balance unexpended	.	63	
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			\$11,000 00

## TOWN HALL.

Appropriation for ventilating . . . . .	\$150 00
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## RECEIPTS.

Melrose Lyceum, season 1882-83 . . . . .	\$200 00
“ “ “ 1883-84 . . . . .	200 00
Melrose Savings Bank, rent 1 year . . . . .	100 00
Carleton Combination Co. . . . .	25 00
Unitarian Society . . . . .	25 00
Post 4, G. A. R. (Fair) . . . . .	52 00
J. A. Flockton . . . . .	40 00
Firemen's Ball . . . . .	25 00
Camilla Urso Co. . . . .	25 00
Universalist Soc. May-day Festival . . . . .	30 00
Haworth Company . . . . .	25 00
Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. . . . .	25 00
Republican Committee . . . . .	37 50
Democratic “ . . . . .	25 00
Brown University Glee Club . . . . .	25 00

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\$1,009 50

## EXPENDED.

Eureka Ventilating Co., six ventilators . . . . .	\$150 00
S. E. Benson, 60 tons coal . . . . .	360 00
Samuel Sprague, janitor 1 year . . . . .	300 00
Samuel Sprague, sundries furnished . . . . .	17 37
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co., 1,113,700 ft. gas . . . . .	312 69
A. E. Upham, fly-doors . . . . .	32 50
D. R. Woodward, stock and labor . . . . .	9 25
Lemuel Merrill, locks and keys . . . . .	5 90
J. C. Howes, repairs, plumbing, etc. . . . .	27 06
Edwards Brothers, sharpening mower, etc. . . . .	2 12
John Larrabee, sundries . . . . .	1 40
George N. Cass, painting building, per contract . . . . .	250 00
M. F. Eastman, lawn dressing . . . . .	5 50
A. W. Parker, glazing . . . . .	2 50
R. Philpot, manure and spreading . . . . .	15 00
Bugbee & Barrett, dusters, etc. . . . .	11 90

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\$1,503 19

Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts \$493.69.

## STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of amount paid during the year 1882 . . . . .	\$980 00
PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING YEAR 1882.	
Samuel Sprague . . . . .	\$48 00
Isaac C. Dowling . . . . .	24 00
George C. Buckman . . . . .	72 00
William Story . . . . .	72 00
George A. Tainter . . . . .	48 00
Luzon Weeks . . . . .	36 00
Joseph S. Eastman . . . . .	36 00
Sarah Barrett . . . . .	48 00
Mary F. Howard . . . . .	48 00
Maria G. Colson . . . . .	48 00
Helen E. Poole . . . . .	48 00
Angus McDonald . . . . .	58 00
Charles H. Young . . . . .	72 00
James F. Ramsey . . . . .	18 00
Ann M. Jewett . . . . .	4 00
J. Spencer Drayton . . . . .	30 00
Rebecca H. French . . . . .	20 00
Mary D. Pratt . . . . .	8 00
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	\$738 00

## MILITARY AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of aid paid in 1882 . . . . .	\$380 00
[Sums paid under provisions chap. 252 Acts of 1879.]	
Daniel D. Penney . . . . .	56 00
George W. Grover, Jr. . . . .	80 00
Philip McMahan . . . . .	72 00
Moses P. Mitchell . . . . .	48 00
Ede K. Chase . . . . .	72 00
William B. York . . . . .	56 00
Horace W. Stevens . . . . .	72 00
William A. Johnson . . . . .	8 00
Benjamin F. York . . . . .	34 00
Torry Peabody, Jr. . . . .	8 00
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	\$506 00



## STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	57 42
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	\$1,557 42

## EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Co. of Boston for light- ing and care of 135 lamps, 5 months .	\$562 50
135 " 6 " .	750 00
4 " $\frac{2}{3}$ " .	2 40
139 " 1 " .	128 70
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	\$1,443 60
Balance unexpended . . . . .	113 82
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	\$1,557 42

## ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$100 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	42 40
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	\$142 40

## EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Company for 5 iron posts, frames, and 5 copper lanterns . . . . .	80 00
Balance unexpended . . . . .	62 40
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	\$142 40

## POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	26 62
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	\$1,026 62

## EXPENDED.

H. B. Newhall, 1,632 hours service . . . . .	\$408 00
A. B. Pierce, 1,110 hours service . . . . .	277 50
George Campbell, 718 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours service . . . . .	179 62
Joseph Holbrook, 446 hours service . . . . .	111 50
Frank M. McLaughlin, 257 hours service . . . . .	64 25
A. Wilbur Lynde, 15 hours service . . . . .	3 75
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	\$1,044 62

Expenditures exceed \$18.



## PERKINS AND LEEDS STREETS.

## Appropriations for building :—

Perkins Street . . . . .	\$100 00
Leeds Street . . . . .	150 00
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	\$250 00

## EXPENDED.

Jas. Marshall, 12 days labor, at \$2 50 per day .	\$30 00
B. R. Upham, 2½ “ “ “ 2 00 “ .	5 00
Laborers, 111½ “ “ “ 1 76 “ .	196 24
Jas. Marshall, team, 16 days, “ 1 50 “ .	24 00
B. R. Upham, team, 2½ “ “ 1 50 “ .	3 75
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	\$258 99

## FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD STREETS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$550 00
Balance from last year, unexpended on First Street	283 16
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	\$833 16

## EXPENDED.

James Marshall, 27 days labor, at \$2 50 per day .	\$67 50
B. R. Upham, 3 “ “ “ 2 00 “ .	6 00
Laborers, 339½ “ “ “ 1 76 “ .	597 52
James Marshall, teams, 54 days “ 1 50 “ .	81 00
B. R. Upham, team, 6½ days, “ 1 50 “ .	9 75
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	\$761 77
Balance unexpended . . . . .	71 39
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	\$833 16

## INSURANCE.

Unexpended balance (1880) . . . . .	\$147 25
Geo. M. M'Coy, policies exchanged .	21 25
H. M. Westgate, policies on new school building corner Grove and Myrtle Streets, 48 75	
J. L. Hanaford, policies on school buildings, etc. 147 05	
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	\$217 05

Expenditures exceed \$69.80.

## SUPPRESSION LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$300 00
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## EXPENDED.

Citizens' Law and Order League of Massachusetts, services of detectives . . . . .	\$28 20
Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$271 80

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## ARMORY RENT.

Henry A. Leonard, rent of building 1 year, to Jan. 1, 1884 . . . . .	\$600 00
Received from State of Massachusetts rent for 1 year to Jan. 1, 1884 . . . . .	\$600 00

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## INTEREST.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$6,300 00
Balance unexpended, 1882 . . . . .	253 86
Received as accrued interest . . . . .	2 66
Received as interest collected on taxes from	
John R. Jones, 1879 . . . . .	24 18
Jona. C. Howes, 1881 . . . . .	92 22
" " 1882 . . . . .	760 54
" " 1883 . . . . .	90 04
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	\$7,523 50

## EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds (\$65,000) at 7 per cent.	\$4,550 00
on notes to Lowell Institution for Savings . . . . .	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Mass. . . . .	827 50
on notes to Melrose Savings Bank . . . . .	271 85
on note to John Pickering & Moseley . . . . .	207 97
on note to Worcester North Savings Institution . . . . .	240 00
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	\$7,297 32
Balance unexpended . . . . .	226 18
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	\$7,523 50

## MELROSE WATER FUND.

## Dr.

Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 cent. per annum . . . . .	\$9,000 00	
bills on account of construction and maintenance for year 1883 . . . .	7,690 87	
Treasurer of Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners, per order surplus of maintenance account for 1882 . . . . .	2,773 23	
Town Treasurer, cash paid on account of construction, 1882 . . . .	1,919 05	
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Town appropriations :—		
For use of the water . . . . .	\$2,000 00	
For cost of construction, 1882 . . . .	4,685 28	
For balance of cost of construction, 1881 . . . . .	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,692 28
Received from Addison Lane, Superintendent and Water Registrar, cash at various times, water-rates collected, etc., for 1883 . . . .	14,138 91	
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Expenditures exceed, which sum has been paid on account of construction for year 1883 . . . .	551 96	
	<hr/>	\$21,383 15

## MAIN STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$950 00
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## EXPENDED.

James Marshall, 6 days labor, at \$2.26 per day . . . . .	\$13 56
“ “ 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ “ “ 2 50 “ . . . . .	36 87
Laborers, 109 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1 50 per day . . . . .	163 88
“ 278 “ “ 1 76 “ . . . . .	489 28
Teams, 109 $\frac{1}{4}$ “ “ 1 50 “ . . . . .	163 89
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	\$867 48
J. P. Deering, lumber for fence . . . . .	83 00
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	\$950 48

## CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$500 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	46 01
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	\$546 01

## EXPENDED.

Paid Walter B. Ellis for laying 812 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards concrete gutters, at 37 cents per yard . . . . .	\$300 58
Paid Walter B. Ellis for laying 360 yards concrete crossings, at 50 cents per yard . . . . .	179 99
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	\$480 57
Balance unexpended . . . . .	65 44
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	\$546 01

## WYOMING CEMETERY.

## RECEIPTS.

For 3 lots sold residents, at \$55 each . . . . .	\$165 00
4 " " " at \$40 " . . . . .	160 00
3 " " " . . . . .	140 00
1 " " " . . . . .	25 00
1 " " " . . . . .	30 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ " " " . . . . .	28 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ " " " . . . . .	30 00
On account of lot sold . . . . .	10 00
Balance due on lots sold . . . . .	118 50
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	\$706 50
For 1 lot sold non-resident . . . . .	\$150 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ " " " . . . . .	70 00
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	220 00
For grass and wood sold . . . . .	10 25
For graves . . . . .	24 00
For care of lots, grading, labor, etc. . . . .	237 15
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	\$1,197 90

## EXPENDED.

Thomas Marshall, labor, 5 months at \$43 per month . . . . .	\$215 00
“ “ “ 35 days at \$1.76 per day . . . . .	61 60
“ “ men, teams, manure, etc., furnished, . . . . .	40 23
Daniel Dowd, labor, 119½ days at \$1.50 per day . . . . .	179 25
James Marshall, labor, man 4 days at \$1.76 per day . . . . .	7 04
S. E. Benson, 5 bbls. cement . . . . .	8 75
Bugbee & Barrett, lawn seed, etc. . . . .	1 24
A. C. Goss, sods and teaming . . . . .	5 80
Boston Rubber Shoe Co., 800 feet sods . . . . .	8 00
D. W. Gooch, 1,200 feet sods . . . . .	12 00
S. E. Eastman, P. M., stamps . . . . .	2 00
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening and repairing tools . . . . .	2 32
Nelson Cochran, surveying . . . . .	2 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, ledger . . . . .	2 25
Richard Whowell, labor and material . . . . .	36 62
J. P. Deering, lumber . . . . .	28 53
E. O. Howes, painting . . . . .	8 67
J. C. Howes, tinning roof . . . . .	15 00
Henry J. Rice, 200 feet granite capping . . . . .	120 00
Justus Geist, plants and planting . . . . .	25 00
M. P. Mitchell, whitewashing tomb . . . . .	4 00
A. B. Pierce, services . . . . .	6 75
John Larrabee, services on committee . . . . .	25 00
George Newhall, services on committee . . . . .	25 00
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	\$842 05
Surplus for year . . . . .	355 85
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	\$1,197 90

## MAIN STREET CEMETERY.

Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$35 00
Paid Walter B. Ellis one-half of expense laying 214 yards concrete sidewalk . . . . .	39 59

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,800 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	771 66
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	\$2,571 66

## EXPENDED.

Daniel Norton, Jr., Selectman . . . . .	\$200 00
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman of Overseers of Poor . . . . .	250 00
John Larrabee, Town Clerk . . . . .	175 00
George Newhall, Treasurer . . . . .	300 00
George C. Stantial, Assessor . . . . .	150 00
Dexter Pratt, Assessor . . . . .	150 00
Henry A. Leonard, Assessor . . . . .	150 00
George C. Stantial, making duplicate valuation book, 1883 . . . . .	50 00
John R. Norton, Auditor, 1882 . . . . .	15 00
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor, 1882 . . . . .	15 00
Ernest Mendum, Auditor, 1882 . . . . .	15 00
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, collecting taxes of 1881, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on \$19,675.87 . . . . .	\$98 38
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, 5 per cent. on simple poll taxes, \$324.13 . . . . .	16 21
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	114 59
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, collecting taxes of 1882, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on \$36,774.42 . . . . .	\$183 87
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, 5 per cent. on simple poll taxes, \$725.58 . . . . .	36 28
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	220 15
John R. Jones, Collector, collecting taxes of 1878, \$145.61, and 1879, \$456.78, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. . . . .	3 03
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	\$1,807 77
Balance unexpended . . . . .	763 89
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	\$2,571 66

## HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,650 00
For removing snow . . . . .	200 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	199 93
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	\$4,049 93

## EXPENDED. — FOR REMOVING SNOW.

## A. W. Lynde :—

14 days labor, at \$2.00 per day . .	\$23 00	
14 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ “ “ \$1.75 “ . .	25 81	
Horse, 25 days, at \$1.50 per day . .	37 50	
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## James Marshall :—

13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor, at \$1.76 per day . .	\$23 71	
Horse, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.76 “ . .	23 71	
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## Robert Philpot :—

31 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor, at \$1.76 per day . .	\$55 44	
Horse, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at 1.76 “ . .	46 64	
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		\$240 81

## FOR LABOR.

## James Marshall :—

86 $\frac{1}{4}$ days labor, at \$2.50 per day . .	\$215 62	
4 “ “ “ \$1.76 “ . .	7 04	
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Laborers, 1,191 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.76 “ . . . .	2,097 04	
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## TEAMS.

## James Marshall :—

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.76 per day . . . .	\$6 16	
176 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ “ “ 1 50 “ . . . .	264 75	
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## Benjamin R. Upham :—

58 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day . . . .	\$88 12	
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## Walter B. Ellis :—

71 days, at \$1.50 per day . . . .	106 50	
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## Allen C. Goss :—

12 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day . . . .	19 12	
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## Frank R. Upham :—

33 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 per day . . . .	50 25	
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Eri Upham, 2 days, at \$1.50 per day . . . .	3 00	
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## SUNDRIES.

Whittemore Brothers, shovels and pick-handles . . . . .	\$25 25
Franck Shute & Co., 11/12 dozen picks . . . . .	11 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries . . . . .	8 09
C. L. Hoffman, repairs on Emerson*Street . . . . .	5 50
H. C. Richardson, sprinkling streets . . . . .	13 00
Peterson & Parker, 15 bound posts . . . . .	5 25
J. O. Chandler, sharpening tools . . . . .	12 50
Thos. McCoubry, sharpening tools, picks furnished, etc. . . . .	70 88
Edwards Brothers, repairs, etc. . . . .	15 70
“ “ 3 new snow ploughs . . . . .	90 00
Dexter Pratt, services, 176 hours . . . . .	52 80
James Marshall, 444 loads gravel . . . . .	44 40
J. P. Deering, lumber . . . . .	3 38
Daniel McDonald, granite . . . . .	6 00
D. R. Woodward, building fence, Main Street . . . . .	15 00
Boston Rubber Shoe Co., repairing and building por- tion of Washington Street, as per agreement . . . . .	300 00
John B. Paul, 600 feet 18-inch drain-pipe . . . . .	150 00
Waldo Brothers, drain-pipe . . . . .	6 30
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## RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and balance . . . . .	\$4,049 93
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## EXPENDED.

Removing snow . . . . .	\$240 81
For labor . . . . .	2,319 70
For teams . . . . .	537 90
Sundries . . . . .	835 05

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Balance unexpended . . . . .	116 47

\$4,049 93

Sums paid for labor and teams were expended  
in months as follows:—

April . . . . .	\$262 81
May . . . . .	1,010 42
June . . . . .	808 44
July . . . . .	121 04
September . . . . .	114 01
November . . . . .	507 44
January (1884) . . . . .	33 44

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\$2,857 60

## DRAINAGE, BRIDGES, AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$150 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	312 15
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	\$462 15

## EXPENDED.

James Marshall, 6 days labor, at \$1.76 . . . . .	\$10 56
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " 2.26 . . . . .	6 22
19 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " 2.50 . . . . .	49 37
Laborers, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ days labor, at \$1.50 . . . . .	3 38
" 128 " " 1.76 . . . . .	225 28
Teams, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 1.50 . . . . .	23 25
Waldo Bros., drain-pipe . . . . .	48 39
J. C. Howes, drain-pipe and labor . . . . .	3 50
J. S. Green, drain-pipe . . . . .	18 70
M. F. Eastman, expressing . . . . .	9 00
Walter B. Ellis, teaming pipe . . . . .	60 00
Daniel McDonald, granite . . . . .	4 50
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	\$462 15

## SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	273 80
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	\$1,273 80

## EXPENDED.

*Labor and Teams.*

James Marshall, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$2.50 . . . . .	\$13 75
Laborers, 109 days, at \$1.76 . . . . .	191 84
Teams, 22 days, at \$1.50 . . . . .	33 00
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	\$238 59

*Concrete.*

Walter B. Ellis, one half of the expense of laying 3,282 $\frac{2}{3}$ yards, at 37 cents per yard . . . . .	\$607 32
Walter B. Ellis, for laying 800 yards about Town Hall, at 37 cents per yard . . . . .	296 00
Walter B. Ellis, for laying 285 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards top dressing on Cottage Street, at 15 cents per yard . . . . .	42 80
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<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	\$946.12

<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$946.12
F. A. Messenger, one half of the expense of laying 245 yards on Vinton Street, at 37 cents per yard,	45 32
	<u>\$991 44</u>
William M. Harrison, one half of the expense of building walk on Franklin Street . . . .	\$10 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation and balance . . . . .	\$1,273 80
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## EXPENDED.

For labor and teams . . . . .	\$238 59
concrete . . . . .	991 44
gravel walk . . . . .	10 00
	<u>\$1,240 03</u>
Balance unexpended . . . . .	33 77
	<u>\$1,273 80</u>

Concrete walks have been laid opposite estates owned or occupied by persons, as follows :—

	Square Yards.
U. L. Pettingill, Trenton Street . . . . .	88
L. G. Coburn, " . . . . .	265
C. H. Isburgh, Vinton Street . . . . .	45
Thos. McCoubry, Main " . . . . .	72
Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Winthrop Street . . . . .	23½
Walter B. Ellis, Winthrop Street . . . . .	99½
Thos. B. Stantial, " . . . . .	33½
Frank Farmer, " . . . . .	30
J. B. Johnson, " . . . . .	14
A. J. Griffin, Cleaveland and Tappan Streets, . . . . .	39½
H. H. Boardman, Lebanon Street . . . . .	95
Mrs. F. E. Howe, Winthrop " . . . . .	29½
G. W. Farnsworth, " " . . . . .	66⅔
Mrs. A. M. Sawyer, " " . . . . .	26⅔
John C. Maker, " " . . . . .	46⅔
Daniel Russell, Trenton Street . . . . .	391
Mrs. M. S. Vaughn, Winthrop Street . . . . .	66
U. L. Pettingill, Wyoming Avenue . . . . .	131½
J. S. Eastman, Winthrop Street . . . . .	28½
About Town Hall . . . . .	800

	Square Yards.
C. N. Chapin, Perkins Street . . . .	56 $\frac{2}{3}$
J. Henry Buffum, " " . . . .	66
H. A. Norris, off Melrose " . . . .	51 $\frac{1}{3}$
John A. Kitching, Emerson Street . . . .	71
Henry Fowkes, Perkins " . . . .	52 $\frac{1}{3}$
G. W. Chipman, Franklin " . . . .	301 $\frac{1}{3}$
G. W. Bartlett, Myrtle " . . . .	53
C. A. Messenger, Ashland " . . . .	59 $\frac{1}{3}$
E. J. Norris, Emerson " . . . .	163 $\frac{1}{3}$
Hose Co. No. 3, Franklin " . . . .	39 $\frac{2}{3}$
W. I. Ellis, Myrtle " . . . .	33 $\frac{2}{3}$
C. C. Goss, Summer " . . . .	68 $\frac{2}{3}$
D. P. Livermore, Emerson " . . . .	53 $\frac{1}{3}$
A. H. Briggs, Summer " . . . .	83 $\frac{2}{3}$
Cemetery, Main " . . . .	214
F. A. Messenger, Vinton " . . . .	245
G. W. Farnsworth, Main " . . . .	63 $\frac{1}{3}$
W. H. Rich, Myrtle " . . . .	43 $\frac{1}{3}$
First Baptist Society, Main " . . . .	174
Isaac Emerson, " " . . . .	44

# REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

The report of the Board of Fire Engineers is herewith appended. The expenses for the past year have been \$2,085.84.

The appropriation was \$2,000, and the unexpended amount of last year (1882), \$241.05. The bills are submitted, and the balance in favor of the fund, amounting to \$155.21, we respectfully ask to be appropriated towards the expenses for the ensuing year, with an additional appropriation of \$2,000.

The past year has been a remarkably fortunate one for the Town in respect to fire losses. What alarms we *have had* have been responded to with such promptness by the department that the total loss will not exceed fifty dollars.

The quotas of the different Companies are full, and for the most part are composed of experienced men, who are ready for and understand any work in the line of duty which they may be called on to perform.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. HINCKLEY, *Clerk.*

MELROSE, JAN. 1, 1884.

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

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Cash in the treasury, Jan. 30, 1883	.	.	.	\$1,129	78
Total receipts for the year	.	.	.	119,301	43
				<u>\$120,431</u>	21
Total disbursements for the year	.	.	.	120,329	36
				<u>101</u>	85
Cash in the treasury, Jan. 31, 1884	.	.	.		

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## NOTES GIVEN AND PAID DURING THE YEAR.

October 15, 1883, paid note to Commonwealth of Massachusetts (permanent loan)	.	.	.	\$5,000	00
Borrowed of Melrose Savings Bank, on notes, during year	.	.	.	\$16,000	00
Paid Melrose Savings Bank notes borrowed	.	.	.	15,000	00
Paid Melrose Savings Bank, note (temporary loan of last year)	.	.	.	2,000	00
Borrowed of Alvah Smith, on note dated June 21, 1883	.	.	.	12,000	00
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note dated Dec. 21, 1882	.	.	.	12,000	00
Borrowed of John Pickering & Moseley, note dated May, 4 1883	.	.	.	5,000	00
				<u>\$33,000</u>	<u>00</u>
					<u>\$34,000</u>

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## STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1, 1884.

### BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890	.	.	.	\$100,000	00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1, 1892	.	.	.	50,000	00
Town Hall bonds, due Oct. 1, 1892	.	.	.	65,000	00
				<u>\$215,000</u>	<u>00</u>

## PERMANENT LOANS.

*Notes Outstanding.*

Lowell Institution for Savings, due Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent. . . . .	\$20,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1888, interest, 6 per cent. . . . .	5,000 00
	<u>\$25,000 00</u>

## TEMPORARY LOANS.

Note given John Pickering & Moseley, due May 4, 1884, interest 4 per cent. . . . .	\$5,000 00
(Borrowed on account of new school building, Grove St.)	
Note given Alvah Smith, due June 21, 1884, interest 4 per cent. . . . .	12,000 00
Note to Melrose Savings Bank, on demand, interest 4 per cent. . . . .	1,000 00
	<u>\$18,000 00</u>

Total debt, \$258,000.00.

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on account of State aid . . . . .	\$702 00
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of Military aid . . . . .	253 00
Bills due on poor account . . . . .	439 82
Uncollected taxes :—	
1880 . . . . .	\$133 78
1881 . . . . .	607 81
1882 . . . . .	937 21
1883 . . . . .	22,406 34
	<u>24,085 14</u>
Water Loan Sinking Fund . . . . .	13,998 73
Cash in the treasury . . . . .	101 85
	<u>\$38,185 72</u>

Net debt more than assets available, \$219,814.28.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. NEWHALL,

*Treasurer.*

(E. and O. excepted.)

MELROSE, Jan. 31, 1884.



## GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

*In account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan Sinking Fund.*

## DR.

February, 1883. Cash on hand . . . . .	\$107 91
To received as interest and dividends on sums invested . . . . .	627 59
To received as surplus from Water Fund, 1882 .	2,773 23
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	\$3,508 73

## CR.

By paid rent for box in safe deposit . . . . .	\$10 00
By paid (per order) for loan secured by mortgage on real estate . . . . .	2,800 00
By cash on hand deposited in Melrose Savings Bank	698 73
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	\$3,508 73

Jan. 30, 1883.	Cash in treasury . . . . .	\$1,129 78
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## RECEIPTS.

On account of School Fund . . .	\$191 66
Armory rent, 1883 . . .	600 00
State aid, 1882 . . .	980 00
Corporation tax, 1882 . . .	193 03
“ “ 1883 . . .	2,198 67
Bank tax . . .	732 02
Military aid, 1882 . . .	380 00
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	\$5,275 38

On account of School Contingent, books sold, etc.	\$846 66
On account of Poor Fund	727 80
School “	456 66
Contingent Fund	19 00
For use of Town Hall	859 50
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1882	451 98
For lots, graves, etc., Wyoming Cemetery,	1,197 90
From A. Lane, Superintendent, water- rates collected, etc.	14,138 91
Accrued interest on note	2 66
	<hr/> 18,701 07

## TAXES.

John R. Jones, Collector, taxes for 1878,	\$145	51
“ “ “ “ 1879,	106	78
Moses Briggs, “ “ 1880,	130	24
Jona. C. Howes, “ “ 1881,	1,000	00
“ “ “ “ 1882,	20,200	00
“ “ “ “ 1883,	40,742	45
	<hr/>	\$62,324 98

## LOANS.

Received on Treasurer's notes	.	.	.	\$33,000 00
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				\$120,431 21

## IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE.

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By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows:—

School Fund . . . . .	\$14,763 00
School contingent expenses . . . . .	3,126 57
Contingent Fund . . . . .	872 49
Poor Fund . . . . .	6,235 00
Fire Department . . . . .	2,085 84
Town Hall . . . . .	1,503 19
Street lights . . . . .	1,443 60
Cemetery (Wyoming) . . . . .	842 05
Police . . . . .	1,044 62
Town Officers' salaries . . . . .	1,807 77
State aid . . . . .	738 00
Water Fund . . . . .	7,690 87
Drainage . . . . .	462 15
Armory Rent . . . . .	600 00
Additional street lamps . . . . .	80 00
Concrete sidewalks . . . . .	1,240 03
Concrete crossings and gutters . . . . .	480 57
Military aid . . . . .	506 00
Highways . . . . .	3,933 46
Insurance . . . . .	217 05
Main Street Cemetery . . . . .	39 59
Suppression liquor traffic . . . . .	28 20
First, Second, and Third Streets . . . . .	761 77
Perkins and Leeds Streets . . . . .	258 99
Main Street sidewalk . . . . .	950 48

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\$51,711 29

By paid interest on Water Fund bonds . . . . .	\$9,000 00
"          notes and Town	
Hall bonds . . . . .	7,297 32
orders of Trustees Pub. Library . . . . .	1,251 98
State tax, 1883 . . . . .	3,330 00
County tax, 1883 . . . . .	2,242 45
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking	
Fund (surplus 1882) . . . . .	2,773 23
orders of committee on school	
building corner Grove and	
Myrtle Streets . . . . .	8,723 09

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34,618 07

## TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's notes . . . . .	\$34,000 00
Jan. 30, 1884. By cash in the Treasury . . . . .	101 85

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\$120,431 21

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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We have examined the Books of the Treasurer, and find them correctly kept, and proper vouchers accompanying them. The balance on hand we find deposited in the Freeman's National Bank of Boston, to the credit of the Town.

We have also examined the account of the Treasurer of the Public Library, and find it correct and properly vouched.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. ORCUTT,  
JOHN R. NORTON,  
GILBERT N. HARRIS,

*Auditors.*

# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1883.

Number of inhabitants . . . . .	5,071
children 5 to 15 years of age . . . . .	1,003
dwellings . . . . .	1,126
horses . . . . .	322
cows and oxen . . . . .	130
dogs . . . . .	235
acres of land taxed (about) . . . . .	2,700
steam-boilers . . . . .	18
horse-power . . . . .	1,107½
Value of real estate . . . . .	\$3,829,425
Value of personal estate . . . . .	368,376

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Total valuation . . . . .	\$4,197,801
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Rate of taxation per \$1000, \$14.40.

Amount of appropriations . . . . .	\$55,393 71
State tax . . . . .	3,330 00
county tax . . . . .	2,242 45
overlay . . . . .	2,258 13

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\$63,224 29

Assessed as follows : —

Number of polls, 1,388.

Tax on polls at \$2 each . . . . .	\$2,776 00
personal estate . . . . .	5,304 57
real estate . . . . .	55,143 72

Amount of warrant committed to the Collector . . . . .	\$63,224 29
additional assessments . . . . .	64 02

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\$63,288 31

Less abatements . . . . .	229 56
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Net amount January 1, 1884 . . . . .	\$63,058 75
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On which there has been collected . . . . .	\$40,652 41
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And interest . . . . .	90 04
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\$40,742 45

## ABATEMENTS ON 1883.

George S. Nutting.....	\$2 00	Mrs. E. M. Morcomb.....	\$7 92
Gillam B. Wheeler.....	15 00	Mrs. J. D. Crocker.....	2 88
Liberty Bigelow.....	72 00	Mrs. Helen E. Hurley.....	4 16
Levi Miles, estate.....	5 16	Mrs. Lyman Elmes.....	7 08
Rev. H. Westcott.....	2 00	Mrs. C. W. Clinkard.....	7 20
Geo. W. Van Horn.....	2 00	Mrs. John Collegan.....	7 72
Henry Hunt.....	4 64	Mrs. S. S. Twombly.....	7 20
William Silkes.....	2 00	Mrs. James Sayse.....	6 48
Walter Murphy.....	1 08	Mrs. H. M. Smith.....	1 52
Samuel D. Taylor.....	9 92	Mrs. Mary Lynde (Wm.).....	28 80
Miss J. Stackpole.....	7 04	Misses Conways.....	13 12
Miss M. A. O'Riley.....	5 00		
Miss Nancy S. Wilson.....	2 88		
Mrs. Zilpha Butler.....	4 76		\$229 56

## FOR YEAR 1882.

Net amount of Collector's book January 1, 1883,		
as per last report . . . . .		\$57,855 68
Abatements made in 1883 . . . . .		79 37
Net amount January 1, 1884 . . . . .		\$57,776 31
On which there has been collected	\$56,839 10	
And interest . . . . .	860 90	
		57,700 00

## ABATEMENTS ON 1882 DURING 1883.

Matthew Cassells... ..	\$1 14	Mrs. Louisa Kendall.....	\$7 32
J. R. Simonds.....	2 00	Mrs. James Sayse.....	10 73
George Upham.....	7 18	Mrs. Mary F. Howard.....	2 59
Thomas A. Dalby.....	2 00	Mrs. Mary E. Howard.....	5 92
Peris R. Ellis.....	2 00	Miss Cynthia Howard.....	5 55
William A. Stone.....	1 48	Misses E. and M. Moody.....	11 84
F. D. Howe, estate.....	4 52		
Orthodox Cong'l Society.....	7 70		\$79 37
Mrs. J. R. Simonds.....	7 40		

## FOR YEAR 1881.

Net amount of Collector's book, Jan. 1, 1883, as		
per last report . . . . .		\$54,308 32
Abatements made in 1883 . . . . .		34 79
Net amount Jan. 1, 1884 . . . . .		\$54,273 53
On which there has been collected	\$53,665 72	
And interest . . . . .	834 28	
		\$54,500 00

## ABATEMENTS ON 1881 DURING 1883.

Mrs. Sarah J. Murray.....	\$6 21	Mrs. Mary Lynde (John)....	\$15 47
Mrs. Mary F. Howard.....	2 42		
Mrs. Mary E. Howard.....	5 52		\$34 79
Miss Cynthia Howard.....	5 17		

## FOR YEAR 1880.

Net amount of Collector's book January 1, 1883, as per last report . . . . .	\$53,979 30
Abatements made in 1883 . . . . .	151 78

Net amount January 1, 1884 . . . . .	\$53,827 52
On which there has been collected . . . . .	\$53,693 74
And interest . . . . .	979 71
	<hr/> \$54,673 45

## ABATEMENTS ON 1880 DURING 1883.

Geo. L. Amory.....	\$2 00	Moses H. Miller.....	\$2 00
Joseph Bronson.....	2 00	Oscar Norrby.....	2 00
Hosea B. Ballou.....	2 00	Joseph Phipps.....	2 00
John Callahan.....	2 00	Samuel Perkins.....	2 00
Samuel A. Cate.....	2 00	Reuben Pratt.....	2 00
John S. Cornell.....	1 00	L. E. Pitchard.....	2 00
James P. Cassells.....	2 00	Daniel Pratt.....	2 00
Joseph Cushman.....	2 00	Stillman Roberts.....	2 00
William Callender.....	2 00	Eugene H. Russell.....	1 00
Augustus Dickson.....	2 36	Edward W. Roby.....	2 00
Albert Dalrymple.....	2 00	John Russell.....	2 00
Horace E. Dyer.....	2 00	Daniel Sullivan.....	1 00
Charles Douglass.....	2 00	Henry Sargent.....	2 00
William H. Earl.....	1 00	Hazen Oranger.....	2 00
Benj. W. Ellis.....	2 00	John S. Shea.....	2 00
Frank T. Follansbee.....	2 00	E. W. Stilphen.....	2 00
John A. Furber.....	2 00	James A. Symes.....	2 00
William Fitzer.....	2 00	Albert H. Stevens.....	2 00
Albert Fisher.....	2 00	Fred. B. Sargent.....	2 00
Arthur E. Ford.....	2 00	— Tucker.....	2 00
Geo. W. Grover, Jr.....	3 43	Geo. L. Tufts.....	2 00
John Heney.....	2 14	Walter S. Upham.....	2 00
Charles M. Grover.....	1 00	Frank Wheeler.....	2 00
William Hallahan.....	2 00	Alexander Whitehead.....	2 00
Frank Hanson.....	2 00	Fred. Waitt.....	2 00
Calvin Hersom.....	2 00	Alvin A. Waitt.....	2 00
James Kehoe.....	2 00	William H. Ward.....	2 00
Joseph W. Kennedy.....	2 00	Charles Waitt.....	2 00
Fred. A. Locke.....	2 00	Josiah York.....	2 00
Fred. C. Libby.....	2 00	Charles H. Young.....	2 00
Stephen Long.....	2 00	Frank A. Phillips.....	2 00
D. P. Leonard.....	2 00	Thomas F. Longley.....	2 00
Charles E. Loring.....	2 00	William S. Marshall.....	2 00
John Moore.....	2 00	Charles Porter, estate.....	4 28
Michael McQuade.....	2 00	Charles T. Stevens.....	5 86
Jeremiah Martin.....	1 28	E. A. Robinson.....	1 43
Leopold Mitchell.....	2 00		
John H. Murphy.....	2 00		
James Millard.....	2 00		\$151 78



## FOR YEAR 1879.

Net amount of Collector's book January 1, 1883, as	
per last report . . . . .	\$56,921 66
Additional assessments . . . . .	2 00
	<u>\$56,923 66</u>
Abatements made in 1883 . . . . .	32 50
Net amount . . . . .	<u>\$56,891 16</u>
On which there has been collected .	\$56,891 16
And interest . . . . .	996 97
	<u>\$57,898 13</u>

And the Collector's account for 1879 has been settled with the Town.

## ABATEMENTS ON 1879 DURING 1883.

Geo. H. Pichard.....	\$2 00	J. F. Chase .....	\$2 00
Dennis Russell.....	2 00	Charles A. Stone.....	2 00
Eugene H. Russell.....	2 00	Charles G. Fuller.....	50
Henry F. Simonds.....	2 00	John Hitchings.....	2 00
Dennis Sullivan .....	2 00	Joshua B. Ellis.....	2 00
Daniel Sullivan.....	2 00	W. W. Kingman.....	2 00
Josiah York.....	2 00	Lyman Skelton....	2 00
Moses P. Mitchell.....	2 00		
Nathan Pratt.....	2 00		\$32 50
Geo. C. Verner.....	2 00		

## FOR YEAR 1878.

Net amount of Collector's book January 1, 1883, as	
per last report . . . . .	\$49,485 11
Abatements made in 1883 . . . . .	11 20
Net amount . . . . .	<u>\$49,473 91</u>
On which there has been collected .	\$49,473 91
And interest . . . . .	895 61
	<u>\$50,369 52</u>

And the Collector's account for 1878 has been settled with the Town.

## ABATEMENTS ON 1878 DURING 1883.

Albert J. Ristein.....	\$2 00	David Russell .....	\$2 00
Geo. H. Pichard.....	2 00		
John S. Larrabee.....	2 00		\$11 20
Geo. W. Towner.....	3 20		

G. C. STANTIAL,  
DEXTER PRATT,  
H. A. LEONARD,  
*Assessors of Melrose.*

# COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

## STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1883.

Amount of Warrant and Tax List as received from the Assessors . . . . .	\$63,224 29
Additional Assessments . . . . .	64 02
	<u>\$63,288 31</u>
Abatements (see Assessors' Report) . . . . .	229 56
	<u>\$63,058 75</u>
Interest collected . . . . .	90 04
	<u>\$63,148 79</u>
Cash paid Treasurer . . . . .	40,742 45
Balance unpaid January 1, 1884 . . . . .	<u>\$22,406 34</u>

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

*Collector for 1883.*

## STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1882.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$20,456 04
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report) . . . . .	79 37
	<u>\$20,376 67</u>
Interest collected in 1883 . . . . .	760 54
	<u>\$21,137 21</u>
Paid Treasurer in 1883 . . . . .	20,200 00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1884 . . . . .	<u>\$937 21</u>

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

*Collector for 1882.*

## STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1881.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$1,550 38
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report) . . . . .	34 79
	<u>\$1,515 59</u>
Interest collected in 1883 . . . . .	92 22
	<u>\$1,607 81</u>
Paid Treasurer in 1883 . . . . .	1,000 00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1884 . . . . .	<u>\$607 81</u>

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

(63)

*Collector for 1881.*

## STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1880.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$415 80
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report)	151 78
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	\$264 02
Paid Treasurer in 1883	130 24
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Balance unpaid January 1, 1884	\$133 78

MOSES BRIGGS,

*Collector for 1880.*

## STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1879.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$113 10
Additional assessments	2 00
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	\$115 10
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report)	32 50
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	\$82 60
Interest collected	24 18
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	\$106 78
Paid Treasurer in 1883	106 78
and account settled.	

JOHN R. JONES,

*Collector for 1879.*

## STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1878.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$153 23
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report)	11 20
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	\$142 03
Interest collected	3 48
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	\$145 51
Paid Treasurer in 1883	145 51
and account settled.	

JOHN R. JONES,

*Collector for 1878.*

# REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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In accordance with the Act of April 2d, 1870, the Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit this, their Fourteenth Annual Report, including the report of the Superintendent, showing the condition and cost of the works to January 1, 1884.

The year just passed has been one of anxiety to the Water Commissioners, on account of the low stage of the water at the commencement of the year,—the pond not filling to within 15 inches of the overflow, or high-water mark (this was 3 inches lower than in 1880, when we were obliged to pump) ; also, to the fact that the consumption had largely increased.

At a meeting of the joint Water Boards, held in August, it was decided that pumping must be resorted to at once.

The pump was started on the 23d of September, and has continued up to the time of making this report. Frequent complaints have been made to the Commissioners, from persons living on high land, of not obtaining an adequate supply of water. To obviate this in part, Melrose should have an independent main, which would give us the full pressure. The main pipe, as originally laid, is, we think, too small; the largest we have is only 6 inches (except the main from the pond to Main Street at Masonic Hall, which is 16 inches). There should be a new 12-inch main extended from the 16-inch main at Masonic Hall, through Main, Green, and Franklin Streets; then through Franklin to Vinton; then through Vinton to Florence Street, to the 16-inch main on Wyoming Avenue.

It is well known that the Town ought to have a larger and better gate-house than we have at present; and we trust that the Town will adopt some measure to have one built, after hearing the report of the Committee, appointed at its last Town Meeting, to ascertain the cost of the same.

The Town is to be congratulated on the large increase of receipts from water-rates the past year.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year, as follows:—

For hydrants, Town Hall, school-houses, etc.	\$2,000 00
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## WATER-TAKERS, 1884.

Families . . . . .	1,066
Apothecaries . . . . .	2
Aquarium . . . . .	1
Armory . . . . .	1
Barber shops . . . . .	2
Bakehouse . . . . .	1
Blacksmith shop . . . . .	1
Churches . . . . .	6
Carriage shop . . . . .	1
Engine and hose houses . . . . .	4
Fish markets . . . . .	2
Greenhouses . . . . .	6
Hand hose . . . . .	271
Hydrants . . . . .	99
Halls . . . . .	5
Livery and boarding stables . . . . .	4
Manufactories . . . . .	6
Motors . . . . .	2
Ornamental fountains . . . . .	6
Private stables . . . . .	32
Printing-office . . . . .	1
Public drinking-fountains . . . . .	5
Public ornamental fountains . . . . .	2
Railroad depots . . . . .	3
Standpipes . . . . .	3
School-houses . . . . .	8
Stores and shops . . . . .	20
Truck and cart stables . . . . .	15
Number of water-takers as per register 1884 . . . . .	1,176
Number of water-takers as per register 1883 . . . . .	1,076
Increase over 1883 . . . . .	100

## RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

*Amount received for Water-Rates exclusively.*

1860-71 . . . . .	\$3,909 29
1872 . . . . .	5,141 84
1873 . . . . .	6,133 88
1874 . . . . .	7,202 31

1875	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$7,882 85
1876	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,788 93
1877	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,850 45
1878	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,267 95
1879	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,717 13
1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,863 14
1881	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,223 84
1882	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,818 84
1883	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,826 05
Estimated income for income for 1884	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13,500 00

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1st, 1883 . . . \$181,672 69

Expended this year as follows : —

City of Malden, pipe . . . . .	\$830 40	
Davis & Farnum Mfg. Co., iron boxes . . . . .	38 54	
Dalton & Ingersoll, brass fittings . . . . .	87 20	
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools . . . . .	40 10	
Summers & Hunt, fittings . . . . .	112 00	
Richard Pattee & Co., hydrants . . . . .	132 00	
Boston Machine Co., gates . . . . .	102 40	
J. H. & T. Cunningham, pipe . . . . .	671 40	
Bills for trenching . . . . .	1,440 72	
Goodhue & Birnie, pipe . . . . .	152 50	
S. E. Benson, cement . . . . .	210 20	
Somerville Iron Foundry, iron boxes . . . . .	66 00	
J. C. Howes, labor and material . . . . .	141 32	
	<hr/>	\$4,024 78
Cost of water-works to Jan. 1st, 1884 . . . . .		\$185,697 47

## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

There has been paid out on the above account the sum of three thousand six hundred and sixty-six and  $\frac{9}{100}$  dollars, for which the Town holds the vouchers . . . . . \$3,666 09

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 1, 1883, Coupons on \$50,000 . . . . .	\$1,500 00	
July 1, " Coupons on 100,000 . . . . .	3,000 00	
Oct. 1, " Coupons on 50,000 . . . . .	1,500 00	
Jan. 1, 1884, Coupons on 100,000 . . . . .	3,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,000 00
		\$12,666 09

## RECEIPTS.

Received from Town, for use of water	.	\$2,000	00	
“ “ City of Malden, care of				
gate-house, &c.	.	339	08	
“ on pipe account	.	953	63	
“ for stone sold	.	16	75	
“ “ stock sold	.	2	60	
“ “ notices	.	80		
“ “ water-rates	.	12,826	05	
				\$16,138 91

## CONTRA.

Paid on interest account	.	\$9,000	00	
Maintenance “	.	3,666	09	
				12,666 09
Surplus for the year	.			\$3,472 82

*Furniture, Stock, and Tools on hand, Jan. 1, 1884.*

Furniture	.			\$170 00
Tools of all kinds	.			175 00
Stock	.			829 58
				\$1,174 58

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

*Gentlemen*,—I herewith submit to you my Annual Report, showing briefly the operations of this department during the year ending Dec. 31, 1883.

## THE POND.

It will be seen by the following record that the water has been drawn to a point lower than at any time since the water was introduced; having been obliged to pump since the 23d of September, and continuing at the present time, December 31st.

As the water continued to go down, it became necessary to carry the suction pipe out about seven hundred feet further into the pond. The pump was connected with the long suction pipe, Sunday morning, December 9th; since which time there has been an uninterrupted supply of water.

The low state of the water left a wide space of the shore exposed which was usually covered with water. Several days' labor were given to cleaning up the rubbish along the shore, so as to give it a more cleanly appearance.



## RECORD.

*Rise and Fall of the Pond in 1883.*

Jan.	1	.	.	Water was 37 inches below high-water mark.
"	10	.	.	38      "      "
"	20	.	.	39 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
"	30	.	.	39      "      "
Feb.	10	.	.	37 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
"	20	.	.	35 $\frac{3}{4}$ "      "
"	28	.	.	34 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
Mar.	10	.	.	33 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      "
"	20	.	.	27 $\frac{3}{4}$ "      "
"	30	.	.	23 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
April	10	.	.	22 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
"	20	.	.	17      "      "
"	30	.	.	16 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
May	10	.	.	17      "      "
"	20	.	.	17 $\frac{3}{4}$ "      "
"	30	.	.	15      "      the highest point.
June	10	.	.	16 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches below high-water mark.
"	20	.	.	19 $\frac{3}{4}$ "      "
"	30	.	.	23      "      "
July	10	.	.	26 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
"	20	.	.	30 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      "
"	30	.	.	34      "      "
Aug.	10	.	.	40 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
"	20	.	.	43 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      "
"	30	.	.	49 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
Sept.	10	.	.	55      "      "
"	20	.	.	60      "      "
"	23	.	.	Commenced pumping.
				From Sept. 23 to Oct. 1, no record.
Oct.	1	.	.	Water was 63 inches below high-water mark.
"	10	.	.	65 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      "
"	20	.	.	68 $\frac{3}{4}$ "      "
"	30	.	.	68 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
Nov.	10	.	.	72 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      "
"	16	.	.	74 $\frac{3}{4}$ "      "
				From Nov. 16 to Dec. 5, no record.
Dec.	5	.	.	76 $\frac{3}{4}$ "      "
"	10	.	.	77 $\frac{3}{4}$ "      "
"	20	.	.	80      "      "
"	30	.	.	82      "      "

## COMPARATIVE RECORD,

*Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.*

1874. — Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.
1875. — Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full, June 23.  
Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.
1876. — Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full, March 25.
1877. — Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full, March 15.
1878. — Lowest point,  $27\frac{1}{2}$  inches, Nov. 13. Pond full, Jan. 15.  
Pond full second time, Dec. 14.
1879. — Lowest point, 45 inches, Dec. 20. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1 to May 20.
1880. — Lowest point,  $63\frac{1}{4}$  inches, Dec. 30. Highest point, May 10, being then 12 inches below high-water mark.
1881. — Lowest point, 65 inches, Jan. 8, at which time the water was down to the top of the pipe at the gate-house, commenced pumping and continued until Jan. 22. The pump was started again Feb. 6, and run until Feb. 13. Pond full and running over from March 22 to April 30. Next lowest point, 32 inches, Dec. 22.
1882. — Lowest point,  $37\frac{1}{2}$  inches, Dec. 21. Pond full and running over at waste-way from March 3 to April 3.
1883. — Lowest point, 82 inches, Dec. 30. The highest point reached was 15 inches below high-water mark, May 30. Commenced pumping Sept. 23, and continue to pump at this time, Dec. 31.

## STREET MAINS.

Three thousand nine hundred and twenty-four feet of street mains have been laid the past season, mostly on new streets. Ten leaks have occurred and been repaired.

About one hundred feet of four-inch pipe on Youle Street has been taken up and relaid to a greater depth.

Total length of street mains, eighteen miles.

## HYDRANTS.

Four new hydrants have been added to the fire service since the last report, namely : —

One on Rowe Street; one on Emerald Street; and two on Brazil Street, at the new Rubber Works.

Whole number now in use, ninety-nine.

All have been carefully examined, oiled, and painted. By the widening of Washington Street the hydrant near Trenton Street had to be taken up, and set back to correspond with the width of the street. Four have been taken up, and the waste cleared out.

*Repairs made in 1883.*

March 14. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Vinton Street.

Feb. 20. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Washington Street. Rusty pipe.

May 11. — Repaired leak in service pipe on Youle Street. Leaky stop.

May 31. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Brazil Street. Joint leak.

June 9. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe at new Rubber Works. Leak in joint.

June 18. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe, Masonic Building.

July 19. — Repaired leak in service pipe, Waverly Place. Rusty pipe.

July 25. — Repaired leak in 8-inch iron pipe at Boston Rubber Shoe Co. Defect in casting.

Sept. 1. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Myrtle Street.

Sept. 3. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Youle Street. Pick hole.

Sept. 5. — Repaired service pipe on Grove Street. Rust in corporation.

Sept. 18. — Repaired leak in 16-inch main on Wyoming Avenue. Leak in joint.

Oct. 8. — Repaired service pipe on Wyoming Avenue. Rust in corporation.

Oct. 27. — Repaired leak in 12-inch gate on Main Street, Wyoming.

Nov. 8. — Repaired leak in 16-inch main on Ravine Road.

Nov. 13. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe Winthrop Street Rusty pipe.

Nov. 14. Repaired hydrant on Tremont Street by clearing out waste.

Nov. 15. — Repaired hydrant on Ashland Street by clearing out waste.

#### STAND-PIPES.

There are now three stand-pipes for water-carts located in different sections of the town; one having been placed on Franklin Street, Highlands, the past summer.

#### DRINKING-FOUNTAINS.

Additional stop-cocks have been put into the five drinking fountains, so that the flow of water can be more easily regulated.

#### GATES SET IN 1883.

Eleven new gates have been added to the pipe-lines the past season, located as follows: —

One four-inch gate on Rowe Street, north of Upham Street.

One four-inch gate on Ashland Street, north of Franklin Street.

One four-inch gate on Brazil Street, west of Washington Street.

One four-inch gate on Rowe Street, north of Emerson Street.

One four-inch gate on Orris Street, near Warren Street.

Two four-inch gates on Emerald Street,— one south of Emerson Street, and one north of Upham Street.

One four-inch gate on Mount Vernon Street.

One two-inch gate on Berwick Place, east of Berwick Street.

One two-inch gate on Highland Avenue, west of Ashland Street.

One two-inch gate on Orris Street, near Warren Street.

There are one hundred and fourteen gates of various sizes now in use.

#### SERVICE PIPE.

One hundred new services have been put in the past season, being forty-two more than was laid in 1883. As many of these services supply two or more families, the whole number of water-takers is eleven hundred and seventy-six.

2,643 feet of service pipe has been laid from main pipe to street line, and 2,883 feet inside of street line. As fast as the wooden service boxes become decayed they are being replaced with others of iron.

## AMOUNT OF PIPE LAID IN 1883.

*Street Mains.*

The following record will show the streets in which pipes have been laid the past season, giving the size of pipe and number of feet in each street.

6-inch pipe on Bellevue Avenue . . .	200 feet.
4 " " " Rowe Street . . .	670 "
4 " " " Brazil Street . . .	780 "
4 " " " Circuit Street . . .	100 "
4 " " " Ashland Street, north . . .	480 "
4 " " " Emerald Street . . .	508 "
4 " " " Orris Street . . .	350 "
4 " " " Youle Street, relaid . . .	100 "
2 " " " Highland Avenue . . .	250 "
2 " " " Berwick Place . . .	138 "
2 " " " Orris Street . . .	148 "
	<hr/> 3,724 feet.

*Service Pipe.*

$\frac{3}{4}$ inch from main pipe to street line . . .	2,033 feet.
1 " " " " " " " " . . .	233 "
$1\frac{1}{4}$ " " " " " " " " . . .	321 "
$\frac{3}{4}$ " inside of street line . . .	2,883 "
$\frac{3}{4}$ " " " " relaid . . .	50 "
2 " from main pipe to street line . . .	56 "
	<hr/> 5,576 feet.
Total . . . . .	<hr/> 9,300 "

I have also, as Water Registrar, collected for water-rates the sum of \$12,826.05, and from other sources \$1,312.86; making a total, \$14,138.91, which sum has been paid to the Town Treasurer, for which I hold his receipt.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers, and the amounts paid by each; also, the amounts received from other sources:—

Received from families . . .	\$10,306 18
" " stores and shops . . .	165 00
" " manufactories . . .	773 87
" " use of hose . . .	813 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$12,058 05

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			\$12,058 05	
Received from stables	.	.	480 00	
" " motors	.	.	55 00	
" " greenhouses	.	.	88 00	
" " halls	.	.	48 00	
" " fountains	.	.	33 00	
" " churches	.	.	46 00	
" " depots	.	.	18 00	
			<hr/>	\$12,826 05
" " City of Malden	.	.	339 08	
" " pipe account	.	.	953 63	
" " stock sold, etc.	.	.	20 15	
			<hr/>	1,312 86
Total				<hr/> \$14,138 91

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON LANE,

*Superintendent.*

MELROSE, Feb. 9, 1884.

By request of the Board of Water Commissioners, I have audited the books and accounts kept by Addison Lane, as Registrar, and find charged for water-rates, on the register for 1883, the sum of \$12,880.40, of which amount, \$54.35 has been abated, leaving balance of \$12,826.05; all of which has been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer, together with \$1,312.86 collected on pipe account for stock sold, etc.,—making a total of \$14,138.91.

JOHN LARRABEE,

*Town Clerk.*



TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE  
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Circuit .....			310				1		
Eleventh.....				255				1	
Third .....			287				1		
Main .....		3,784	478		9	2			
Green .....		2,700			3	1			
Franklin .....		3,155½	360		4	2			
Vinton .....		3,497½	436		6	2	1		
Trenton .....		1,233	1,331½		1	3	2		
Melrose .....			2,339½		1		1		
Ashland .....			1,475		2		2		
Tremont .....			3,180		2		4		
Greenwood .....				637				1	
Perkins .....			236				1		
Baxter .....			484		1		1		
Florence .....			1,340½		1		3		
Maple and Poplar...			2,265½		2		3		
Emerson .....			3,977		6		4		
Youle .....			998½	342	1		1		
Otis .....				780					
Oakland .....			1,161		1		1		
Linden Place.....				286					
Cedar Park.....			1,206½		2		2		
Laurel .....				457					
Cottage.....			1,142	193	2		2		
Hurd .....			768				1		
Berwick.....			1,226½		1		2		
Herbert .....			220	158½			1		
Grove (West) .....			287½		1				
Waverly Place .....			690½		1		1		
Foster .....			1,470½		1		3		
Myrtle and Lake Ave..			3,170		4		8		
Winthrop .....			695½				1		
Vine .....			691				1		
Essex .....			1,437		4		2		
Willow .....				663				1	
Short and Main.....				470½					
Reading Hill .....				3			1	1	
Porter .....			2,514½		3		1		
School .....				495					
Rubber Works.....	1,050		18		3				1
Prospect Avenue.....			500		1		1		
Tremont (North).....				500				1	
Place off Emerson...				291				1	
Ellsworth Avenue...				314				1	
Albion .....			223				1		
Pleasant .....				1,125	1			1	
Winter .....			241				1		
Charles .....			335		1				



TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE  
PRESENT TIME — *Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Warren .....			632		2		1		
Bellevue Avenue.....		200	1,000		2		1		
Upham .....			3,283		5		2		
Stevens Place.....				216					
Lebanon .....			2,750		2		1		
Grove.....			1,366		1				
Walnut .....			187½				1		
Lynde and Lindwood .....			2,960		3		1		
Summer.....			701		2		1		
Wyoming Ave. (East) .....			1,076				1		
Wyoming Ave. (West) .....					3				
Chestnut .....			572		1		2		
Mt. Vernon .....			394		1		1		
Auburn .....			372				1		
Winthrop Place.....			520		1		1		
Belmont.....			376				1		
High .....			376	600			1	1	
Prospect.....			1,026		1		1		
Essex and Lake Ave..			1,082						
Avon.....			422				1		
Elm .....			1,057		1				
Howard .....			272	550			1	1	
Upham and Dell Ave.			3,488				2		
East.....			534				1		
Washington .....			760		2				
Irving .....			387				1		
Emerson Place.....				251				1	
Seventh .....				288				1	
Wastes, 27 x 24.....			51						
80 Plugs.....			80						
Grove Street (East)...		1,865	16		2	1			
Emerson Street (East) .....		743½	10			1			
Rowe Street .....			670	552	1		2	1	
Ashland, (North) .....			480				1		
Brazil .....			780		2		1		
Orris .....			350	148			1	1	
Highland Avenue.....				250				1	
Berwick Place.....				138				1	
Emerald.....			508		1		2		
Total.....	1,050	17,178½	66,033½	9963	99	12	85	16	1

## WATER-RATES.

## DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet . . . . .	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family, . . . . .	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family . . . . .	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family . . . . .	4 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet . . . . .	5 00
For each additional water-closet . . . . .	3 00
For hopper water-closet . . . . .	8 00
For first bath-tub . . . . .	5 00
For each additional bath-tub . . . . .	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

## BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet . . . . .	\$10 00
For each additional faucet . . . . .	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders . . . . .	10 00
Other charges as above.	

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

## STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose . . . . .	\$6 00 to \$20 00
For each additional faucet . . . . .	2 50
For water-closet or urinal . . . . .	6 00

## STABLES.

For first horse . . . . .	\$5 00
For each additional horse . . . . .	3 00
For first cow . . . . .	2 00
For each additional cow . . . . .	1 00

## FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLE.

For first horse . . . . .	\$5 00
For each additional horse . . . . .	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

## TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse . . . . .	\$5 00
For each additional horse . . . . .	2 00
The above includes water for washing carriages.	

## HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.	

## HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers . . . . .	\$3 00
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## BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel . . .	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath-houses . . . . .	10 00

## STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power . . . . .	\$6 00
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## BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used . . . . .	\$0 05
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## ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch . . . . .	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch . . . . .	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch . . . . .	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

## MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates, special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot Pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk’s office.”

JOSEPH D. WILDE,  
W. IRVING ELLIS,  
WILBER D. FISKE,

*Water Commissioners.*

# REPORT

OF THE

## Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners.

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The Annual Report of the Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners for year ending Dec. 31, 1883, is herewith respectfully submitted:—

At the beginning of the year we had,—

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$107 91
We have received from Water Board surplus income for 1882 . . . . .	2,773 23
We have received interest on investments . . .	627 59
We have loaned at 6 % on note secured by mortgage on real estate in Melrose . . . . .	2,800 00
We carry to credit of new account in cash deposited in Melrose Savings Bank . . . . .	698 73

The Water Loan Sinking Fund at this date, counting securities at their par value, stands as follows:—

U. S. bonds, 4½ % . . . . .	\$3,500 00
City of Salem, 5 % . . . . .	3,000 00
City of Lynn, 6 % . . . . .	1,000 00
City of Cambridge, 6 % . . . . .	2,000 00
City of Providence, 5 % . . . . .	1,000 00
Note secured by mortgage, 6 % . . . . .	2,800 00
Cash in Melrose Bank . . . . .	698 73
	<hr/> \$13,998 73

For additional particulars concerning this fund we refer to the Report of our Treasurer.

DANIEL RUSSELL,  
ROYAL P. BARRY,  
JOHN W. FARWELL.



## IN ACCOUNT WITH E. H. GOSS, TREASURER.

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1883.					
Feb.	14,	{	By cash on hand from account, 1882	.	\$44 10
"	17,		" " from Librarian for fines	.	64 95
"	12, '84,		" " " " catalogues	.	15 00
Mar. 1,	'83,	{	" " " Town Treasurer, dog tax of 1882	.	451 98
June	9,		" " " " appropriations for 1883	.	800 00
Oct.	10,				

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## IN ACCOUNT WITH MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY. CR.

1883.

Nov.	20,	By cash received from Mr. Joseph A. Titcomb, Executor of will of Horatio N. Perkins	.	\$500 00
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Respectfully submitted,

MELROSE, Feb. 12, 1884.

E. H. GOSS, *Treasurer.*



# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

## OF THE

# MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Trustees of the Public Library present their Thirteenth Annual Report.

In our last Report, among the needs of the library were enumerated : *first*, an enlargement of shelf-room ; *second*, a catalogue of the books added since 1875 ; *third*, a reading-room ; *fourth*, the opening of the library every day in the week.

The two last-mentioned needs are still the needs of the Public Library ; and, as there is a slight increase in the circulation of books, a marked increase in the number of persons using the library, and especially in the average attendance of borrowers on Saturdays, these needs have become pressing, and the failure to make provision for the growth of this department of public education will soon depreciate its real usefulness.

Early in the year the Trustees contracted with Mr. Charles Taylor for the enlargement of the shelf-room, and the alcoves are now capable of receiving the additions of another year.

The catalogue was placed in the hands of our townsman, Mr. T. W. Ripley, and all books added since 1875 were properly arranged and printed in the new supplemental catalogue.

The old catalogues were then bound in with the new, making a complete book of 175 pages.

In the death of Horatio Nelson Perkins, Esq., the Town of Melrose suffered the loss of one who, from the founding of the library in 1871 until his death, watched its growth with exceptional interest. The executors of his will seem to have found evidence of this special interest in the Melrose Library in a pencil memorandum, which we subjoin, and which was found inside the papers connected with his will, as though he purposed making it a part of that instrument : —

“ \$500 — to the Melrose Public Library, etc., in trust, and the annual income of the same is to be expended for the purchase of books forever.”



As this was merely a pencil memorandum, and in no sense a part of the will, the Trustees feel under lasting obligations to Joseph A. Titcomb, Esq., the Executor, and to the other devisees, for their generous interpretation of what they conceived to be the wishes of the late Mr. Perkins, and for carrying out that interpretation in the spirit rather than in the letter of the law.

As this is the first bequest of money to the library, and as it is in the form of a perpetual trust, we annex a copy of the receipt given the Executor, for the information of those who may desire to establish similar funds:—

“MELROSE, November 10, 1883.

“Received of Joseph A. Titcomb, Esquire, Executor of the will of Horatio Nelson Perkins, the sum of five hundred (500) dollars, to be held by us and our successors, as the Trustees of the Melrose Public Library, as a perpetual trust; the principal thereof to be invested, and the income only to be used from year to year in the purchase of books for said Public Library, in accordance with the terms of a memorandum found among his papers.”

This fund is now deposited in the Melrose Savings Bank, and the income will be expended in each year for books, which will be designated as purchased with the “Horatio Nelson Perkins Fund.”

Among the donations of the year is one from Wm. L. Williams, Esq., of *forty-one* pamphlets, comprising the eulogies delivered on the death of Daniel Webster. The collection is at once unique and valuable, comprising many of especial interest. Among them may be mentioned those of Rev. Nehemiah Adams, Theodore Parker, Professor Hitchcock, John Weiss, Professor Sanborn, Bishop Eastburn, and Rev. Dr. Leonard Woods.

It is a pleasant duty to chronicle still another donation from one of the library's best friends,—Mr. Daniel Jefferson, who has often before remembered it by adding to its treasure suitable and appropriate works. This one is entitled, “The Abbey Church of Melrose, Scotland,” illustrated by Frederick Pinches, architect: London, 1879. It is a large portfolio, 12 by 22 inches, containing nine plates of views of the old ruin, with “An Historic Sketch” and “Architectural Remarks.” The type of the text is large and beautiful, pages red-lined, and the whole work done in a most sumptuous and costly manner. It is quite a different work from Bower's “Description of the Abbeys of Melrose,” given us by the

same donor last year, but with that, helps very materially in getting a proper understanding of that formerly magnificent structure, and now imposing ruin.

One of the sources of information for the historical sketch is the old "Chronicle of Mailross," which was written by the monks of this abbey, covering the period from A. D. 735 to 1270. From this and other works Mr. Pinches gives a condensed story of the various monasteries that have stood upon the banks of the beautiful Tweed; of their abbots, their destruction, their rebuilding.

The plates give an excellent idea of the present appearance of the abbey; and from the many drawings of molds and mullions, niches, canopies, and carvings, details of the once beautiful and rich windows, and other portions, we are enabled to arrive at a very fair realization of the imposing aspect of this once wonderful and costly abbey.

We annex a list of the donations, as well as the statistics for the entire year. The thanks of the Trustees are extended to the donors.

By the courtesy of Mr. G. W. Reynolds, lists of the new books added from time to time have appeared in the *Melrose Journal*.\*

#### DONATIONS.

##### *Books.*

The Swedenborg Library	. . . . .	12 volumes.
G. W. Reynolds	. . . . .	7 "
Daniel Jefferson	. . . . .	4 "
S. Z. Bowman	. . . . .	1 "
Wm. L. Williams	. . . . .	1 "
W. Irving Ellis, <i>The Melrose Journal</i>	. . . . .	6 "
Samuel A. Green	. . . . .	1 "
Samuel Adams Drake, manuscript of "Around the Hub"	. . . . .	1 "
Holbrook Library	. . . . .	1 "
Tenth Census of the United States	. . . . .	1 "
The Census of Massachusetts	. . . . .	1 "

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##### *Papers.*

The Literary World	. . . . .	Daniel Jefferson.
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*Pamphlets.*

Annual Report of the Boston Public Library	.	.	.	1
“ “ Chicago “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Beebe “ Wakefield	.	.	.	1
“ “ Bridgport “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Lancaster “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Malden “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Manchester, N. H., Public Library	.	.	.	1
“ “ Newton Public Library	.	.	.	1
“ “ Peabody Institute	.	.	.	1
“ “ Stoneham Public Library	.	.	.	1
“ “ Watertown “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Woburn “	.	.	.	1
The Tuftonian	.	.	.	9
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office	.	.	.	52
Wm. L. Williams: The Daniel Webster Eulogies	.	.	.	41
				<hr/> 114
Number of pamphlets now in the library	.	.	.	676

## STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Number of volumes in library January 1, 1883	.	.	5,109
“ “ purchased this year	.	.	342
“ “ donated “	.	.	33
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“ “ in library January 1, 1884	.	.	5,484
Number of persons using library January 1, 1883	.	.	1,327
“ cards issued this year	.	.	307
“ “ relinquished this year	.	.	15
			<hr/> 292
“ persons using library January 1, 1884	.	.	1,619
Largest number of volumes issued in one day	.	.	445
Smallest “ “ “ “	.	.	44
Average “ “ “ on Mondays	.	.	82
“ “ “ “ on Saturdays	.	.	331
Whole “ “ “ in March	.	.	2,943
“ “ “ “ in October	.	.	2,312
“ “ “ “ in December	.	.	2,618
“ “ “ “ this year	.	.	28,258

Six hundred and nine books have been rebound, and fifty-nine books have been replaced, new for old.

The Library has been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, and Monday evenings, for one hundred and fifty-four days. It was closed three days,—Memorial Day, the 17th of June, and the 4th of July. There were twenty-three stormy days during the library year.

The Librarian and assistants have attended to the duties assigned them, in a manner satisfactory to the Trustees.

We respectfully request the following appropriation for the year 1884: Five hundred dollars and the dog tax.

In behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES C. BARRY,

*Secretary.*

FREDERIC KIDDER,

ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,

A. A. NICHOLS,

HANNAH LYNDE,

CHARLES C. BARRY,

*Trustees.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1883.

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MELROSE:

PRINTED BY T. W. RIPLEY.

1884.

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1883-84.

*Chairman*, CLIFTON FLETCHER.—Term expires March, 1886.  
*Secretary*, JULIUS S. CLARK “ “ 1885.  
 \*THOMAS W. RIPLEY “ “ 1884.  
 MRS. S. W. BRADBURY “ “ 1884.  
 MRS. A. K. MILLER “ “ 1885.  
 MRS. J. G. ADAMS “ “ 1886.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	ELECTED.	SALA- RIES.
High .....	A. G. Whitman .....	November, 1874.....	\$1,600
High .....	Emma A. J. Bugbee. ....	November, 1874.....	800
High .....	Annette Clark.....	August, 1880 .....	500
First Grammar.....	Harriett C. Fairbanks.....	November, 1880 .....	800
First Grammar.....	Charlotte Bishop.....	September, 1882 .....	500
Sec. Grammar, Emerson St..	Lucy W. Bisbee.....	May, 1867.....	550
	(Present Sub., Belle Mitchel.)		
Sec. Grammar Centre School,	Alice Maud Swett.....	December, 1882.....	550
Third Grammar, Emerson St.	Susan D. Melcher.....	May, 1873.....	550
Third Gram'r, Centre School,	Helen J. Barrett.....	December, 1882 .....	550
Fourth Gram., Centre School,	Mary A. George.....	May, 1880 .....	500
Fourth Grammar, Grove St..	K. W. Bascom .....	September, 1878.....	500
Intermediate, Grove St.....	Ella F. Norris.....	December, 1882.....	450
Intermediate, Vinton St.....	Alice H. Long.....	September, 1877.....	475
Intermediate, Lynde St.....	Effie C. Sweetser.....	September, 1882.....	450
Upper School, Green St.....	Lydia Mendum.....	November, 1874.....	525
Lower School, Green St.....	Hannah K. Harden.....	August, 1881.....	450
Highland (mixed).....	C. E. Sewall.....	August, 1883.....	500
Upham Street (mixed).....	C. L. Hollis.....	March, 1882 .....	450
Primary, Lynde St.....	Mary E. Whitcomb.....	December, 1883.....	450
Primary, Vinton St.....	L. F. Dermot.....	April, 1880.....	450
Primary, Grove St.....	Mary A. Hersey.....	August, 1883 .....	450
Primary, Centre St.....	H. F. Lewis.....	March, 1876 .....	475
Converse School.....	Hannah Gibbons.....	December, 1883.....	400
Music Teacher.....	Mr. C. E. Whiting.....	September, 1879.....	300
			\$132,25

## JANITORS.

High School Building, Frank McLaughlin . . . . .	\$275
Centre School Building, Charles T. Stevens . . . . .	175
Grove Street Building, Charles Valentine, . . . . .	175
Green Street Building, Joseph Simonds . . . . .	100
Lynde Street Building, Wm. F. Serratt . . . . .	100
Vinton Street Building, Benjamin Stone . . . . .	100
Upham Street School, Eri Upham . . . . .	50
Highland School, John Singer . . . . .	50
Converse School, Joseph Emerson . . . . .	50
	\$1,075

## TRUANT OFFICERS.

Frank McLaughlin. Charles T. Stevens.

Supply day for schools, first Wednesday of each month, 11 A. M.

Regular meeting of School Board, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 4.30 P. M.

\*Elected December 1, in place of L. W. Gilman, resigned.

# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We present the following official Report, to which we respectfully invite the attention of the friends and citizens of Melrose : —

## FINANCES.

Amount appropriated at the Annual Meeting	. \$14,500
Balance from the previous year	. 250
Tuition received from Stoneham	. 450
Received from State and other sources	. 200
Total	<u>\$15,400</u>
Amount paid Teachers	. 12,510
“ “ Janitors	. 1,015
“ “ Committee	. 325
“ “ for coal and wood	. 914
Total	<u>\$14,764</u>
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1884	. 636
	<u>\$15,400</u>

## AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Teachers	. \$13,225
Janitors	. 1,075
Committee	. 325
For coal and wood	. 1,000
For new schools	. 575
Total estimate	<u>\$16,200</u>

We recommend for the current year of 1884 an appropriation of \$15,500, in addition to the unexpended balance.

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

There was appropriated, at the last March meeting, the sum of \$2,300, and the balance on hand was \$60.42. Some of the larger expenses during the year were for furnishing two new school-rooms, taking the sum of \$500 or more ;



painting High School building, putting in new sinks and pipes, enlarging one school-room, repairing furnaces, etc., amounting to more than \$400. Other expenses were: for rent of Boardman's Hall, enlarging the school-room at the Highlands, concreting walks around the lot on Grove Street, and numerous other things which we need not occupy space to mention. Balance left over is \$80.

We recommend for contingent expenses for the current year an appropriation of \$2,500. Undoubtedly two, if not three, new schools will have to be furnished, and probably two large furnaces for the High School building.

#### TOWN AGENCY.

This department of the school-work has been carefully and judiciously conducted. Being centrally located, it has afforded a convenient opportunity for pupils to buy their books at cost value. We give the following synopsis from Miss Carrie A. Eastman's Annual Report:—

Cost of books on hand at the beginning of the year .	\$252.26
Cost of books bought during the year . . . .	761.69
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Total amount. . . . .	\$1,013.95
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Amount sold and paid into Town Treasury . .	\$789.66
Amount furnished teachers and indigent pupils .	46.93
Amount of books on hand Jan. 1, 1884. . . .	177.36
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Total amount . . . . .	\$1,013.95

#### TUITION MONEY FROM STONEHAM.

In our last Report, on pages 7 and 8, the obligation of Melrose to receive children from "Green Lane" into its schools, and charge their tuition to the Town of Stoneham, was fully explained, in order to prevent any future loss or embarrassment. It was shown that more than \$1000, justly due to our Town, owing to lapse of time, could not now be legally collected. However, a bill for \$450, covering the past six years, was carefully made up, and presented to the Town. We are happy to say that within a few weeks this

bill has been honored, and the money paid into our Treasury. We trust that henceforth prompt attention will keep this matter all right.

#### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

By request of Mr. J. T. Prince, one of the agents employed by the State Board of Education, a Teachers' Institute was held in Melrose on Tuesday, the 30th of October. The day was beautiful, and there was an attendance of nearly one hundred teachers and school-officers from Winchester, Stoneham, Wakefield, Reading, and our own town. Lectures, with practical illustrations in regard to the best methods of teaching mathematics, the principles of mechanics, the elements of drawing, the art of reading, the proper construction of language, and other topics, were given. While these lectures were, for the most part, a repetition of what is presented at every institute year after year, they were not altogether uninteresting or unprofitable. No doubt many of the teachers received valuable hints and suggestions, and some new inspiration to aid them in their wearisome work. At least, it was pleasant to see in one company so many thoughtful, intelligent persons whose daily employment is educating the hundreds of bright boys and girls in our own and neighboring towns. One of the best things furnished by the Institute was the historical and illustrated lecture of Dr. Boles, of Salem. This was given on Monday evening, preceding the Institute, and was free to the public. Owing, however, to a drenching rain, there were but few people present; but these were richly repaid for braving the unfortunate storm.

#### NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE ON GROVE STREET.

This fine building was completed and ready for occupation at the beginning of the fall term. Prior to opening the same for school purposes, it seemed proper that some suitable action should be taken to mark an event so intimately connected with the educational interests of our town. Public notice was given, and on Saturday, September 1st, at the appointed hour, a small company of interested friends met

to enjoy the exercises planned for the occasion. These consisted of: Singing by a band of children; Prayer of Dedication and a short Address by Rev. Albert G. Bale; Presentation of Edifice to care of School Board by J. O. Norris, one of the Building Committee; Reponse by the Chairman, and some voluntary remarks by two or three visitors.

Ample opportunity was also given to inspect the building, including the four large school-rooms, with their lofty ceilings, broad chimneys, and open fire-places. Not a few persons found their way down the stairways leading to the basement, and were gratified in walking upon the hard-cemented floor, and closely examining the heating and sanitary arrangements. With some minor criticisms, the general verdict seemed to be that the building was well planned, thoroughly constructed, and finely situated.

On the following Monday three of the new rooms echoed to the quick tread and merry voices of happy school children. One of the schools came from its old location in Boardman's Block; one, from its former place in the Town Hall; and one, a primary, was composed of new scholars.

#### HIGHLANDS.

This part of our town is rapidly growing. During the past season several new streets have been laid out, and some dozen or more new houses erected. Quite a number of these are large, substantial, and ornamental. There is every reason to believe that this wave of enterprise will continue for a considerable time. It is quite safe to prophecy that the Highlands, from the very nature of things, will continue to grow. The residents, however, firmly believe there is one thing especially essential for their continued prosperity: the demand is urgent for better school accommodation. The Chairman is free to say he believes the time has now come when their demand should be generously met. The eligible lot purchased on Franklin Street more than a year ago should be crowned, the coming season, with a school building, modern, convenient, and architecturally pleasing. Such a building will give great satisfaction to the citizens at the Highlands, and tend

in no small degree to enhance the value of real estate. While the present necessity may not require more than two additional school-rooms, we think it will be wise and economical to erect a building that shall afford ample accommodation for several years to come.

#### FELLS.

This place is destined to be an important and growing section of Melrose. Some forty, more or less, neat and substantial tenements have been erected during the past fifteen months, and are now occupied with thriving, industrial families. It would not be surprising if nearly as many more tenements made their appearance during the coming season. The number of children is already sufficiently large to necessitate the opening of a new school. Within a few weeks the Committee have taken measures to provide for this necessity. A pleasant and convenient room in the new Chapel Building, at the corner of Main Street and Converse Avenue, has been kindly granted for this purpose by the enterprising proprietors. The school will be called Converse School, and was opened at the beginning of the new year. Miss Hannah Gibbons, one of our Normal School graduates, has been engaged as teacher. It is not expected that the room provided can be retained only for temporary occupation. Within the near future a school building in this part of our town must be erected.

We take pleasure in saying that several months ago the School Board received an invitation from Hon. E. S. Converse to meet him at the Fells, take a view of what had been accomplished, also of the plan of new streets to be laid out. At that meeting the Committee were informed they might make a selection of almost any unoccupied lot deemed most desirable for a school building. It was understood that such a lot would be presented as a gift to the town. Preference seemed to concentrate on a locality on the west side of Washington Street, a short distance north of the Rubber Works. It was thought best, however, to defer a final decision till some further developments.



## HIGH-SCHOOL BUILDING.

During the summer vacation there were made several improvements deemed most essential. The most expensive of these was having the outside of the building thoroughly painted. This was done by contract, the work being given to the lowest bidder. We are happy to state it was honorably done, and gives much satisfaction to the passing public. Owing to the large number of scholars in the First Grammar School, situated in the third story, it was found necessary to enlarge the room of the assistant teacher. This was accomplished by moving back a partition and taking in a suitable space of a small, unoccupied room. Another desideratum was the need of water for drinking and other purposes accessible to each room in the building. Hitherto this article, whenever needed by teacher or pupil, could only be obtained by going into the basement. This caused no inconsiderable loss of time during the year, to say nothing of the wearisome toil of passing up and down so many flights of stairs, especially from the upper stories. Besides, during the winter, there were usually several weeks when the pipe would be frozen, and no water could be obtained, even in the basement. After mature consideration it was concluded the whole matter could be, and should be, remedied. Two plumbers were requested to estimate the expense, which was found to be somewhat less than one hundred dollars. Each handed in a written proposal, and the work was given to the lowest. The water-pipe was carried beneath the concrete in the cellar, near to one of the furnaces. Then it passed directly up through the small closets of each room. In each of these closets were placed cast-iron sinks, with self-closing faucets and other conveniences. This improvement is much appreciated.

There was another evil sought to be remedied. During heavy rains, or the melting of snow on the roof, water to some extent found its way occasionally into the basement, making some parts, for a short time, damp and unwholesome. The janitor of the building suggested that possibly laying a course of concrete tight up to the underpinning

on the outside, where were deep crevices, would be the proper remedy. This was done ; but the cure is not perfect. It may be necessary to re-cement the cellar walls.

Considerable expense was laid out in repairing the furnaces, in order that the large school-rooms should be suitably heated during the coldest days of winter ; but under the present heating arrangements there will be, in spite of the best efforts of the janitor, a few severe days, with bitter cold winds, when the rooms will not be sufficiently warm. On such occasions children should be allowed to wear extra wraps ; and, if necessary, teachers will be justified in materially shortening the sessions. It may be wise to put in larger furnaces the coming season. In this, as in all our school buildings, too much pains cannot be taken to have a constant supply of pure air. While the rooms here have especial means of ventilation, no doubt there can be added further improvement. The matter is receiving present consideration. We have mentioned these items that the citizens may know that the School Board have not been unmindful of their responsible duties.

#### TEACHERS.

We are happy to state there have been but few changes during the year. At the beginning of the fall term Miss Julia M. Porter, who had enjoyed a long rest, resumed her old position at the Centre School. But after teaching two months she was again compelled to resign, owing to feeble health, and this time without the promise, or even expectation, of ever returning to her loved employment. For more than twelve years she had ranked among the foremost of our excellent teachers. After some deliberation, Miss Alice M. Swett, who had taught several years in the higher grade of schools before coming to Melrose, was given the vacant position. There is every reason to expect she will be able to keep the school up to the high standard of the past.

The first of September another resignation came before the Board. Miss Woodruff, who had taught just two years at the Highlands, resigned in order to accept a position in

one of the large schools in the city of New York. She had won a large place in the hearts of her pupils by the constant animation and good cheer which seemed to be an inseparable part of her being. Happily, the Committee were fortunate in filling this vacancy by securing the services of Miss C. E. Sewall, the excellent substitute of Miss Porter during her long absence.

Finally, near the close of December, Miss L. W. Bisbee, after faithfully working as teacher for more than sixteen years, desired leave of absence till the beginning of the next fall term. Though regretting the necessity, this reasonable request was freely granted. To fill this important gap the Committee made choice of Miss Belle Mitchell, who had been principal of one of the large grammar schools in the city of Gloucester for six or seven years. It should also be noted that Miss Mary E. Whitcomb, a young lady of some experience in teaching, and whose friends have recently moved to our town, has been engaged as substitute during the winter term at the Lynde Street Primary, the vacancy being caused by the promotion of Miss Swett.

#### MUSIC.

We deem it necessary to add but a few words to what we said one year ago. Mr. Whiting has manifested the same zeal and fidelity with which he began his work in our schools over four years ago. While laboring under one disadvantage which somewhat interferes with perfection in music instruction, he has accomplished all that could reasonably be expected. The small salary of \$300, we believe, has been thoroughly earned. As the schools have increased in number, Mr. Whiting has found it necessary to give considerable additional time to his work among our pupils. In order that he may be remunerated in part for this extra labor, he will give, under approbation of the School Board, a choral concert some evening in the early spring.



## SCHOOLS.

## PRIMARY.

We have now four schools purely of this grade: viz.: H. F. Lewis, at the Centre, with forty pupils; L. F. Dermot, at Vinton Street, with fifty-one pupils; M. A. Hersey, at Grove Street, with forty-one pupils; and M. E. Whitcomb, at Lynde Street, with forty-one pupils,—making a total of one hundred and seventy-three. Besides these, there are no doubt in the four mixed schools at least seventy-seven others, making the grand total of two hundred and fifty. The average age of these little ones is a trifle over seven years.

## UPHAM STREET.

One year ago this school had but twenty-one pupils. It has now thirty-five pupils, with a fair prospect of increasing still more the coming year. Miss C. L. Hollis, the teacher, continues to hold a warm place in the hearts of parents and children.

## GREEN STREET.

Miss Mendum and Miss Harden are both progressive teachers. They have respectively forty-four and fifty-five pupils. These schools will be better graded and more efficient when a new school building shall be completed at the Highlands.

## HIGHLANDS.

This large and ungraded school is now under the excellent teaching of Miss C. E. Sewall. The number of pupils continues to increase; there being now fifty-six, with an average attendance of fifty-two. During the summer vacation the school-room was enlarged by removing the partition and taking in the long entry, and then building a new porch in front. This is a decided improvement, but not all that is needed.

## INTERMEDIATE.

These are three in number, under the continued teaching of A. H. Long at Vinton Street, E. F. Norris at Grove Street, and Effie C. Sweetser at Lynde Street. The number of pupils, in the order given, are thirty-four, fifty-three, and fifty-five, or in all one hundred and forty-two. It will be seen that the Vinton Street school is rather too small, while the other two are rather too large. It is a difficult matter to equalize these schools, because parents living on the east side of the railroad are unwilling to send children eight and nine years of age over the track to the west side.

## FOURTH GRAMMAR.

There has been no change in teachers, and no change in the character of the work of these schools. Miss George, at the Centre, has but thirty-one pupils, being fifteen less than one year ago; making it, at the present time, the smallest school among our whole number. On the other hand, Mrs. Bascom, at the new building has forty-six pupils, being a gain of two over that of last year. Both teachers are too well known and appreciated to need words of praise.

## THIRD GRAMMAR.

There is nothing new to mention in these two schools. The teachers, with their remarkable, quiet persistency, have made their cheerful rooms "busy hives." Miss S. D. Melcher, at the Emerson Street, has "earned a good degree" by over ten years of continuous teaching; while Miss H. J. Barrett, at the Centre, has, with far less experience, made a commendable record. We hope it will be a long time before either, by the enticement of higher pay, will wander off to Cambridge or New Haven.

## SECOND GRAMMAR.

These two schools have recently come under the care of new teachers. As they are the only feeders of the next grade above, we are more than anxious that they continue to maintain the excellent standard of the past. It would certainly be wrong to question the ability of such tried and experienced teachers as Miss Swett and Miss Mitchel.

## FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

A new book on Physiology has been introduced, being, it is thought, better adapted to scholars of this grade than the larger one previously used. "The People's Cyclopædia of Universal Knowledge," in three royal volumes, has also been purchased, and placed under the care of the Principal as a permanent work of reference.

The number of pupils in this school is now eighty-four, and the space of the main room is fully occupied. The discipline has continued unexceptionally good, and the method of teaching thorough and stimulating.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Nothing has disturbed the harmony and good work of this school since our last Report. The zeal and fidelity of the same corps of teachers have secured all the results that could reasonably be expected. More than usual effort has been exerted to secure correct composition and penmanship. A pleasing feature of the closing examination was the presentation, according to previous announcement, of a few valuable prizes.

A committee of the Franklin Fraternity, consisting of T. B. Peck, C. C. Barry, and S. H. Buttrick, awarded the first prize in English Composition to Miss Grace A. Small, and the second to Misses Lillie A. Atwood and Agnes Drake.

The subjects for composition were taken from Irving's Sketch Book.

1. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.
2. English Christmas Observances.
3. The Hudson and its Legends.
4. Some of the Beauties of Irving's Style.

Also a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. O. Norris and Louis Robson, awarded the first prize in Algebra to Walter B. Farr, and the prize in Geometry to Abbie G. Small.

The graduating exercises were held in the Town Hall, on Friday evening, June 29th. The hall was completely filled with a large and deeply interested company of people. Five young men and thirteen young ladies received their

well-earned diplomas. The following are the names of the graduates.

LILLIE A. ATWOOD.	† HATTIE A. MANLEY.
* NELLIE E. BARRETT.	MARY G. SARGENT.
* CARRIE P. BODGE.	† GRACE A. SMALL.
AGNES DRAKE.	INEZ E. WORTHEN.
† MARY E. FARR.	† WOODMAN BRADBURY.
ANNIE E. GOULD.	† PERCEY BRYANT.
* MARGIE H. LECRAW.	† WALTER B. FARR.
CARRIE MAY LEONARD.	DANIEL J. HURLEY.
* EDITH L. LORING.	FRED H. SHEPARD.

*This list shows the names of Graduates since 1875 that are still in, or have graduated from, other institutions.*

Date of Grad.	NAME.	INSTITUTION.	PRESENT EMPLOYMENT,
1875	FRANK G. STANTIAL,	Institute of Technology,	{ Superintendent Cambridge
1876	HATTIE E. LANE,	Salem Normal School,	Ammonia Works.
1877	HELEN J. BARRETT,	Salem Normal School,	At Home.
1877	MARY PARKER,	Baright School of Oratory,	Teaching.
1877	MARY I. VINTON,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1878	BELLE BACON,	School of Oratory,	{ Mrs. Bond, Clif- tondale.
1878	MINNIE B. FARNSWORTH,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1878	LUCY C. SELEE,	Boston University,	Pub. Lib., Boston.
1878	MARY E. UPHAM,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1879	HANNAH GIBBONS,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1879	MARY A. RORKE,	Salem Normal School,	Melrose Journal.
1879	AMY M. STANTIAL,	Institute of Technology,	
1879	GEORGE R. JONES,	Boston University,	Studying Law.
1879	CHAS. H. WASHBURN,	Amherst College,	And'er Theol. Sem.
1879	WM. H. WILLIAMS,	Harvard College.	{ Prof. Moral Phil., Griswold College, Iowa.
1880	FLORENCE M. ELLIS,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1880	ABBY J. VINTON,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1880	MINNIE B. WOODMAN,	Boston University,	
1880	HARRY A. BOARDMAN,	Institute of Technology,	
1880	HENRY J. HERSEY,	Boston University,	
1880	MARK S. W. JEFFERSON,	Boston University,	{ In the National Observatory, Ar- gentine Republic.
1881	MABEL L. GOSS,	Boston University,	
1881	EDITH N. SPEAR,	Salem Normal School.	
1881	CHAS. L. SIMMONS,	Harvard Law School,	
1881	OTIS T. STANTIAL,	Institute of Technology,	
1881	WM. R. WOODBURY,	Tufts College,	
1882	JENNIE F. CONANT,	Smith College,	
1882	ARTHUR W. BARRETT,	Amherst College,	
1882	THOMAS S. BURR,	Williams College,	
1882	GEORGE H. CONANT,	Amherst College,	
1882	CHARLES D. JONES,	Boston University.	
1882	HENRY C. MILLER,	Harvard College,	
1882	EDWARD W. FRENTZ,	Colby University,	
1883	MARY E. FARR,	Coburn Classical Institute,	
1883	HATTIE A. MANLEY,	Salem Normal School,	
1883	ANNIE E. GOULD,	Normal Art School,	
1883	WOODMAN BRADBURY,	Colby University,	
1883	PERCY BRYANT,	Institute of Technology,	
1883	WALTER B. FARR,	Colby University,	

† College Course.

\* Classical Course.

Not marked, English Course.

## MORALS.

At a meeting of the Board at the beginning of the year, it was voted to furnish each of the public schools one copy of Dr. Richardson's "Temperance Lesson Book." This is a small work, dealing in facts of great practical value. It has recently been introduced into many of the schools of England, and also of our own country. At the above meeting it was further voted, that the teachers be requested to devote one half hour, during each week, to some subject given in this treatise, or in enforcing other principles pertaining to a good moral life.

One of the statute laws of our State expressly says: "It shall be the duty of teachers and instructors of youth to impress on their minds the principles of piety, justice, truth, chastity, sobriety, and temperance, and all other virtues which are the ornament of society and the safeguard of republican institutions." How far the teachers of our schools have complied with these requirements, we are unable to state. We feel certain, however, that the importance of early and continually impressing good morals and habits cannot be overestimated. It is to be deeply regretted that there are in every community no small number of families where these important things are mainly or entirely ignored.

## HEALTH OF PUPILS.

This subject is one of such vital importance we cannot forbear adding a little to what we have said in one of our former Reports. In order to accomplish good work in the school-room, children must be in good health, and consequently in good spirits. This is one thing most essential. If allowed to attend late parties, profitable school-work will be out of the question; nature will be too exhausted and too languid to perform any work of real value. The early victims of pallid cheeks, of weak nerves, of deranged systems, and of fell diseases, are far too many in every community. But in most instances these sad evils have been begotten elsewhere, and outside of the school-room and the school-



work. It is not the long walk, nor the few hours of close study,—other things being right,—which break down so many pupils in the bloom of life. The true causes must be sought elsewhere. A large amount of quiet sleep, with plenty of pure air, a proper degree of out-door exercise, and warm clothing suitable for the whole body, are essential for the health of young people. I think we will be pardoned for making the following quotation: “A Boston public-school teacher writes the Board of Health that the very short dresses which little girls wear cause more sickness than all the badly plumbed school-houses in the city; and there is talk of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children taking up the matter.” We add no comments.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUNGER TEACHERS.

The work of the school-room should at all times be calm, quiet, and cheerful. Loud, harsh, and unnatural tones of voice should receive immediate correction. Rudeness in manner or speech, intentional or otherwise, should not be tolerated beyond the shortest limit for thorough amendment. Good rules and good order should be pleasantly but strictly enforced. Pupils must not be allowed to interrupt teachers during recitations, nor to ask questions at any time without first raising the hand and receiving permission. The secret of success is the ability to keep pupils busy, quiet, and interested. Good teachers are those who are cheerful, self-reliant, unruffled, firm, and loving,—who take pains to have every lesson thoroughly understood by every pupil,—who acquire a facility in object teaching, in oral descriptions, and in blackboard sketching,—who are discerning and sympathetic among their pupils, and always enthusiastic in their work.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVANCED TEACHERS.

Too much pains cannot be given to the art of reading. It is one of the finest accomplishments in a good education. There is a constant liability in the higher grades of public schools to give this acquisition too little attention. Under the pressure of other important studies, there is a tendency

to let good reading slip into the background. It sometimes happens there is a marked degeneracy in this respect from the lower to the higher classes. Advanced students are quite liable to drop into faulty habits in the use of language. If they do not altogether murder the King's English, they many times hackle and smother it. Indistinct pronunciation, insipid tones of voice, perverted inflections, wrong modulation or expression, frequently deteriorate the standard of good scholarship. Under the embarrassment of hard, monotonous, and faulty recitations, these blemishes are naturally nourished and strengthened. Now, what is the remedy? It would seem to be this: to have a continued drill in the correct use of language, at least once or twice a week, to the end of the school life,—to allow no marked defects to pass uncorrected in any part of the routine work. Why should not the graduates of our higher schools go out into the world, at least good readers and good conversationalists?

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

There has been an increase of pupils during the year, of more than enough to form one new school. The maximum number in 1882 was nine hundred and thirteen; and in 1883 it was nine hundred and eighty-seven, being a gain of seventy-four. But the permanent increase at the beginning of the current year, according to returns, is only fifty-four. We regret to say that far too many children, especially boys, are permitted to leave school when not more than twelve or fourteen years of age, and go to work in shops, stores, and factories. This is a matter of serious loss and injustice to all their after-life. It is leaving school at the very point when one or two years added to their education would be of unspeakable value.

It will be noted with pleasure that our High School continues in a very prosperous condition. The maximum number has been ninety-nine, and it closes the year with ninety-five on the register. If we mistake not, this is the largest attendance it has ever reached. The same remarks are equally true in respect to our First Grammar School. The



maximum number has been eighty-nine, and the present roll-call is eighty-four. Several of the lower schools are far too large either for profit or convenience. It will be necessary to organize two or three new schools during the coming year.

We regret to say that the visits of parents have been fewer than could have been desired, more especially as the last Wednesday afternoon of each month is designated "visiting day." On such days may be found the usual recitations, with just a little variety, as each teacher may choose or think desirable. Let it ever be remembered, there is nothing better than a kind personal inspection to qualify a person to judge with fairness in regard to all methods of teaching and discipline.

CLIFTON FLETCHER,

*Chairman.*

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#### BOOKS USED IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

##### TEXT-BOOKS. — HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Bradbury's Algebra.
2. Bradbury's Geometry.
3. Norton's Physics.
4. Martin's Civil Government.
5. Payson, Dunton, and Scribner's Book-keeping.
6. Dana's Geology.
7. Lockyer's Astronomy.
8. Gray's Botany.
9. Freeman's History, England.
10. Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar.
11. Jones' Latin Prose Composition.
12. Hanson's Latin Prose Book.
13. Leighton's History of Rome.
14. Goodwin's Greek Grammar.
15. White's Greek Lessons.
16. Jones' Greek Prose Composition.
17. Goodwin's Anabasis.
18. Fyffe's History of Greece (Primer).
19. Boise's Homer's Iliad.
20. Hart's Rhetoric.

21. Brooke's Primer of English Literature.
22. Morris' Chaucer.
23. Kitchin's Spenser's Faery Queene.
24. Sprague's Milton.
25. Hudson's Shakespeare.
26. Sprague's Irving's Sketch Book.
27. Bôcher's Otto's French Grammar.
28. Bôcher's Otto's French Reader.
29. Leighton's Latin Lessons.
30. Greenough's Virgil.

## TEXT-BOOKS. — FIRST GRAMMAR.

Franklin's Written Arithmetic.  
 Swinton's English Grammar.  
 Steele's Fourteen Weeks in Physiology.  
 Eclectic History of the United States.  
 Appleton's Fifth Reader.  
 Appleton's System of Penmanship.  
 Intermediate Music Reader. By Julius Eichburg and others.  
 Prang's American Text-Books of Art Education.

*Supplementary Books.*

Keils' Shorter Course of English Grammar.  
 Monroe's Fifth Reader.  
 Quackenbos' American History for Schools.  
 Johonnot's Geographical Reader.  
 Samuel Eliot's Selections from American Authors.  
 W. Hooker's Child's Book of Nature.  
 The People's Cyclopædia (3 vols.). W. H. DePuy.  
 Poets' Homes. By R. H. Stoddard and others.  
 Cyclopædia of Persons and Places. John D. Champlin.  
 " " Common Things. " "  
 Anderson's Historical Reader.  
 Battles of the American Revolution. Henry B. Cumington.  
 Edwards' Analytical Fifth Reader.  
 American Poems.  
 Brands' Lessons on the Human Body.  
 Hutchinson's Physiology and Hygiene.  
 Dalton's Physiology and Hygiene.  
 Audubon's Grammar School History of United States.  
 Seavey's Goodrich's History of United States.  
 Browne's Manual of Commerce.  
 Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book.

## TEXT-BOOKS. — SECOND GRAMMAR.

Franklin's Written Arithmetic.  
 Harper's School Geography.  
 Swinton's New Language Lessons.  
 Eclectic History of United States.

Mason's Intermediate Music Reader.  
 Monroe's Fifth Reader.  
 Appleton's Writing Book, No. 4.  
 Prang's Drawing Book, No. 5.

*Supplementary Reading.*

Johonnot's Geographical Reader.  
 Zigzag Journeys in Northern Lands.  
 Three Vassar Girls in England.

TEXT-BOOKS. — THIRD GRAMMAR.

Monroe's Fourth Reader.  
 Appleton's Fourth Reader.  
 Rest same as Second Grammar.

TEXT-BOOKS. — FOURTH GRAMMAR.

Franklin's Written Arithmetic.  
 Eaton's Intellectual " "  
 Harper's Introductory Geography.  
 Elementary Lessons in English (Mrs. Knox).  
 Monroe's Third Reader.

*Supplementary Reading.*

W. M. Thayer's Life of J. A. Garfield.  
 "Harper's Young People" and the "Pansy."  
 Appleton's Short Course in Writing, Books Nos. 3 and 4.  
 Prang's Drawing Books, Nos. 2 and 3.

TEXT-BOOKS. — INTERMEDIATE.

Monroe's Third Reader.  
 Sheldon's Third Reader, Sup.  
 Eaton's Intellectual Arithmetic.  
 Harper's Introductory Geography.  
 Mason's Intermediate Music Reader.  
 Prang's Drawing Book, No. 1.  
 Short Course Writing, No. 1.  
 Dinsmore's Spelling Blanks.

TEXT-BOOKS. — PRIMARY.

Monroe's First Reader.  
 Monroe's Second Reader.  
 Parker's First Book.  
 Appleton's First Reader, Sup.  
 Sheldon's Second Reader, "  
 Swinton's Second Reader, "  
 Stickney's Child's Book of Language.  
 Child's First Book in Written Language.  
 Calkins' Primary Object Lessons.  
 Mason's First Music Reader.  
 Perkin's Graded Music Reader.  
 Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book, for teacher's use in all the schools.

TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1883.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum number from Jan. 1 to July 1.	Average attendance during same time.	Maximum number from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1, 1884.	Average attendance during same time.	Number of Pupils, Jan. 1, 1884.	Per cent. of attendance for the year.	Average age Jan. 1, 1884.	
							Yrs.	Mos.
HIGH, First Class.....	18	17.5	16	15.6	15	97.6	17	6
Second Class .....	14	13.6	16	15.6	16	97.6	15	11
Third Class.....	25	23.	25	24.	22	96.	15	8
Fourth Class.....	31	27.	42	41.1	42	95.5	14	11
Totals.....	88	81.1	99	96.3	95	96.7	16	
First Grammar, Emerson Street..	77	68.4	89	82.4	84	92.5	14	2
Second " " ..	44	41.6	45	42.6	44	95.3	13	5
Second " Centre.....	48	41.6	44	38.	39	94.5	13	5
Third " " .....	43	34.1	57	44.4	46	91.7	11	11
Third " Emerson Street..	38	30.6	53	45.3	50	94.	12	4
Fourth " Centre.....	43	36.	30	28.	31	92.	11	
Fourth, Grove Street.....	47	40.5	46	39.3	46	94.	11	2
Intermediate, Grove Street .....	41	35.	54	46.9	53	90.7	8	8
Intermediate, Vinton Street.....	36	33.1	37	33.	34	94.8	10	1
Intermediate, Lynde Street.....	50	40.	55	44.	55	95.	9	8
Green Street (upper school).....	44	36.4	46	41.†	44	89.8	11	7
Green Street (lower school).....	54	42.	57	48.7	55	88.	7	
Highlands (mixed).....	57	39.7	64	52.4	56	75.3	7	6
Upham Street (mixed).....	23	20.5	37	30.7	35	91.	7	8
Primary Grove Street..... (New school.)			45	37.5	41	90.8	8	1
Primary, Lynde Street.....	60	45.3	41	31.9	41	89.9	7	6
Primary, Centre.....	70	54.	47	40.	40	91.	6	7
Primary, Vinton Street.....	63	52.	61	49.6	51	91.	6	9
Totals.....	926		987		940	90†		

## COURSE OF STUDY OF THE MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL.

	COLLEGE COURSE, 4 YEARS.			CLASSICAL COURSE, 4 YEARS.		ENGLISH COURSE, 3 YEARS.	
	COLLEGE COURSE, 4 YEARS.			CLASSICAL COURSE, 4 YEARS.		ENGLISH COURSE, 3 YEARS.	
1st YEAR.	Bradbury's Algebra, to Greatest Common Divisor.			Bradbury's Algebra, to Greatest Common Divisor.		Bradbury's Algebra, to Greatest Common Divisor.	
1st Term.	Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Book-keeping. Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar, and Leighton's Latin Reader.			Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Book-keeping. Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar, and Leighton's Latin Reader.		Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Book-keeping. Martin's Civil Government.	
2d Term.	Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader.			Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping completed. Latin Grammar and Reader.		Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping, completed. Civil Government, completed.	
3d Term.	Algebra, to Affected Quadratic Equations. History of England: Freeman's Historical Course. Latin Grammar and Reader.			Algebra, to Affected Quadratic Equations. History of England: Freeman's Historical Course. Latin Grammar and Reader.		Algebra, to Affected Quadratic Equations. History of England: Freeman's Historical Course. History of Greece.	
4th Term.	Algebra, reviewed. History of England, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader, completed.			Algebra, reviewed. History of England, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader, completed.		Algebra, reviewed. History of England, completed. History of Greece.	
2d YEAR.	Algebra, completed. Caesar's Commentaries, Book I. Goodwin's Greek Grammar, and White's Greek Lessons.			Algebra, completed. Caesar's Commentaries, Book I. Martin's Civil Government. Hart's Rhetoric: Longfellow's Evangeline.		Algebra, completed. Norton's Elements of Physics, and History of Rome. Böcher's Otto's French Grammar and Reader. Hart's Rhetoric: Longfellow's Evangeline.	
1st Term.	Bradbury's Geometry, Book I. Caesar, Books II. and III. Greek Grammar and Reader.			Bradbury's Geometry, Book I. Caesar, Books II. and III. Civil Government, completed. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.		Bradbury's Geometry, Book I. Physics, and History of Rome. French Grammar and Reader. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.	
2d Term.	Geometry, Books II. and III. Caesar, Book IV., and Review. Greek Grammar and Reader. History of Greece.			Geometry, Books II. and III. Caesar, Books IV., and Review. Ancient Geography and History of Greece, History Primers. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.		Geometry, Books II. and III. Physics, and History of Rome. French Grammar and Reader. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.	
3d Term.	Geometry, Books IV. and V. Sallust's Catiline. Greek Grammar and Reader. History of Greece.			Geometry, Books IV. and V. Sallust's Catiline. History of Rome, History Primers. Rhetoric: Whittier's Snow Bound.		Geometry, Books IV. and V. Physics, and History of Rome. French Grammar, to Part II., and Reader. Rhetoric: Whittier's Snow Bound.	
4th Term.							



3D YEAR.			
1st Term.	Norton's Elements of Physics, and History of Rome. Sallust, completed. Böcher's Otto's French Grammar and Reader. English Literature: Shakespeare.	Norton's Elements of Physics, and History of Rome. Sallust, completed. Böcher's Otto's French Grammar and Reader. English Literature: Shakespeare.	Dana's Geology, by notes. French Reader, completed, and Grammar. Brooke's Primer of English Literature: Chaucer.
2d Term.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero's Orations against Catiline, I. and II. Anabasis, Books II. and III. Greek Grammar.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero's Orations against Catiline, I. and II. French Grammar and Reader. English Literature: Shakespeare.	Lockyer's Elementary Astronomy. French Grammar: Le Roman d'un Jeune Homme Pauvre. English Literature: Milton.
3d Term.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero's Orations, III. and IV.; Latin Prose Composition. Anabasis, Book IV. Greek Grammar and Greek Prose Composition.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero's Orations, III. and IV. French Grammar and Reader. English Literature: Spenser.	Gray's Lessons in Botany. French Grammar: Les Fables de La Fontaine. Physical Geography. English Literature: Study of Authors.
4th Term.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero and Sallust, reviewed; Latin Prose Composition. Anabasis, reviewed. Greek Prose Composition.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero and Sallust, reviewed. French Grammar, to Part II., and Reader. English Literature: Dryden or Pope.	Botany (Practical Analysis); French Grammar, completed: La Fontaine, completed. Mineralogy, by notes. English Literature: Study of Authors.
4TH YEAR.			
1st Term.	Homer's Iliad, Book I. Virgil's Æneid, Books I. and II. Böcher's Otto's French Grammar and Reader. Latin and Greek Prose Composition.	Dana's Geology, by notes. Virgil's Æneid, Books I. and II. French Reader, completed, and Grammar. Brooke's Primer of English Literature: Chaucer.	Scholars are required, on entering the School, to select the Course of Study which they intend to pursue, and will not be allowed to make a change without the consent of the Principal. Regular Exercises in Reading, Declamation, and Composition are continued through each Course.
2d Term.	Iliad, Book II. Æneid, Books III., IV., and VII. French Grammar and Reader. Latin and Greek Prose Composition.	Lockyer's Elementary Astronomy. Æneid, Books III. and IV. French Grammar: Le Roman d'un Jeune Homme Pauvre. English Literature: Milton.	
3d Term.	Gray's Lessons in Botany. Æneid, Books V., VI. and VIII. Iliad, Book III.; Latin and Greek Prose Composition. French Grammar and Reader.	Gray's Lessons in Botany. Æneid, Books V. and VI. French Grammar, Les Fables de La Fontaine. English Literature: Study of Authors.	
4th Term.	Botany (Practical Analysis). Æneid, reviewed, and Book IX. French Grammar, to Part II., and Reader. Reviews.	Botany (Practical Analysis). Æneid, reviewed. French Grammar, completed: La Fontaine, completed. English Literature: Study of Authors.	

## SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

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I. The school year shall consist of forty weeks, beginning the first Monday in September.

II. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted: Every Saturday; Thanksgiving Day, and the remainder of the week; Christmas week; one week, beginning the third Monday in February; one week, beginning the fourth Monday in April; the weeks between the close of summer term and the beginning of the school year; all legal holidays.

III. The daily session of the High School shall begin at 8.30 o'clock A.M., and close at 1.30 o'clock P.M., from December to May; and for the rest of the year it shall begin at 8 o'clock A.M., and close at 1 o'clock P.M. There shall be two recesses,—one of twenty minutes, the other of ten minutes.

The hours for keeping school, except the High School, shall be from 9 o'clock A.M. until 12 M., with a recess of twenty minutes; and from 2 P.M. until 4 P.M., with a recess of ten minutes in Primary and Intermediate Schools. No variation from these hours shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee. On very stormy days in winter the schools may hold one session and close at 1 o'clock P.M.; except Primary, which may close at 12 o'clock.

IV. In case of stormy weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit forenoon or afternoon sessions, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before 8 A.M. or a quarter before 12 M. When afternoon sessions are omitted on account of storm, the forenoon sessions will continue till 1 o'clock, except Primary Schools.

V. Teachers shall be in their school-rooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the schools, admitting pupils, beginning promptly at the hours specified.

VI. Teachers shall hear all recitations.

VII. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule. But, for the purpose of observing modes of discipline and instruction, teachers may visit other schools to the extent of one half-day



each term, at such times as may be arranged between them and the sub-committee of the respective schools.

VIII. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

IX. Teachers shall not detain pupils after the close of the morning session.

X. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils for violent or pointed opposition to authority, informing the parent or guardian and the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

XI. "The several school-teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned."\* A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

XII. It shall be the duty of the teacher to report at once, in writing, to the Chairman of Committee, every case of corporal punishment; which report shall state the name and age of the pupil, the amount of punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

XIII. It shall be the duty of all the teachers to give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their schoolrooms.

XIV. No teacher shall contract a bill for repairs on any school buildings, furniture, or grounds, or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the Town.

XV. In case of absence, tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the session, a written excuse from the parent or guardian shall be required. The younger classes in Primary Schools are to be dismissed at recess. All cases of habitual truancy shall be reported to the Committee.

XVI. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a permit from some one of the Committee, who will require satisfactory evidence that the child is five years of age, and has been vaccinated; and no pupil will be admitted to any of the Primary Schools except during the first two weeks of each term, unless qualified to enter existing classes.

XVII. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the Committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the Committee, and the Town Assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to town agent

\* Revised Statutes.

must have the name of parent or guardian. Books furnished indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

XVIII. Pupils absent one month, except on account of sickness, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee.

XIX. No non-resident child, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the town, shall be received or retained in any school, except with the consent of the School Committee, who may require parent or guardian of such child to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child is instructed there.

XX. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring school-houses, school furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the Committee deem proper.

XXI. Pupils are not allowed in school yards after school hours, or during vacations or holidays; are not allowed in other school yards than their own at any time, unless sent with messages. No pupil shall be permitted to leave the school yard at recess, except with permission of the teacher.

XXII. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in any of the schools without the consent of the Committee.

XXIII. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

XXIV. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep and dust each schoolroom and entry twice every week; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter; yards, free from tall grass, weeds, and litter; close gates when schools are not in session; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property; prepare and put in the coal and wood, and practice rigid economy in its use, and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

Janitors shall not contract a bill for repairs on any of the school buildings, furniture, or grounds; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town, unless authorized by the Committee.

WARRANT

FOR

TOWN MEETING,

MARCH 3, 1884.

# WARRANT

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*To Either of the Constables of the town of Melrose, in the county of Middlesex.*

*GREETING :*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Melrose, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the third day of March, A. D. 1884, at twelve o'clock M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes, on one ballot, for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, Public Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, three Auditors and Constables. Upon a separate ballot, to bring in their votes for two members of the School Committee for three years. Upon a separate ballot to bring in their votes in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be : "Yes" or "No."
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To hear and act upon the report of the Finance Committee appointed at meeting held Nov. 13. 1883.
6. To raise money for Schools.
7. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
8. To raise money for Highways.
9. To raise money for Sidewalks.
10. To raise money for Crossings and Gutters.
11. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
12. To raise money for the Fire Department.
13. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lamps.
14. To raise money for Additional Street Lamps.
15. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen.

16. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
17. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
18. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.
19. To raise money for the Public Library.
20. To raise money for Water, maintenance, and use of, also to pay cost of constructing works for past year.
21. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.
22. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.
23. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.
24. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.
25. To see if the Town will build the extension of Foster Street as laid out and accepted and raise money for the same on petition of John Buffum and others.
26. To see if the Town will build a school-house at the Highlands in accordance with the report of the committee at last town meeting and appropriate money for the same on petition of Joel Snow and others.
27. To see if the Town will build and grade Washington Street according to plan of County Commissioners and raise or appropriate money for the same on petition of William Scrannage and others.
28. To see if the Town will appropriate \$200 for keeping in repair and decorating the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day, the same to be placed in the hands of the Memorial Day Committee of Post 4 G. A. R. on petition of D. W. Gooch and others.
29. To see if the Town will accept an alteration of the lines of Rowe Street north of Emerson Street as made by the Selectmen.
30. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to ascertain the cost of a new water main from Spot Pond, also the cost of a new gate house at the pond.
31. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the providing of school accommodations for that part of the Town in the vicinity of the Rubber Works.

32. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to consider the providing of a suitable drinking fountain for horses in winter.

33. To see if the Town will pay any part of the expense of placing granite edgestone on the sidewalk line opposite estates.

34. To see if the Town will appropriate money to employ either alone, or in conjunction with the town of Wakefield, a superintendent of schools on petition of F. S. Hesseltine and others.

35. To hear and act on the reports of committees and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of public worship, and at the depots, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

DANIEL NORTON, JR., } Selectmen  
HENRY G. FIELDS, } of Melrose.

A true copy. Attest,

ANSEL B. PIERCE, Constable.